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3,000 IN SHIPYARD STRIKE FOR SEAMEN

Big Push On Madrid Is Opened By Artillery

Militia Repulses Foe's Assaults in South Battlefront

SEVILLE BOMBED

Antonio Mije Garcia Is Named War Commissar Replacing Del Vayo

MADRID, Dec. 7.—In apparent preparation for the "big push" tomorrow, Fascist artillery opened up a terrific bombardment of the city tonight. As the big guns roared, buildings shook in an area two miles from the front lines.

The Fascists for days have been massing artillery, tanks and airplanes for their decisive drive on the capital.

Although the Northern and Western fronts were quiet throughout today, the movement of troops, artillery firing and machine-gunning were reported from Carabanchel and the Aranjuez-Madrid highway to the South.

Militiamen near Carabanchel spent most of the afternoon trying to hit the monarchist flag above the Carabineros barracks.

Further South a series of advancements by Fascist columns met strong resistance and at nightfall militiamen claimed they had repulsed the attacks.

Guadalajara reportedly was in ruins as the result of Sunday's bombardment by 22 Rebel planes.

The dead and seriously wounded approach 1,000. Many were buried beneath the debris of buildings.

Militia Awaits Fascist Attack

MADRID, Dec. 7 (UP).—Fascist planes flew over Madrid today tak-

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Eden Admits 5,000 Nazis Have Landed To Fight for Franco

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The report that 5,000 Nazis had recently arrived at Cadiz to aid the Spanish Fascists was true, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden admitted to the House of Commons today.

Eden also revealed that a large number of Italians were serving with the Rebel forces in Majorca.

He tried to whitewash this intervention in Spain by unproven charges that Soviet volunteers were fighting with the government forces.

COLUMN LEFT!

Help Wanted
A Fox Hunt in Manhattan

By Harrison George

HELP WANTED: Volunteers are wanted by the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy in sorting, mending and so on, at the warehouse, 6th floor, 832 Broadway, working day and night, so go any time. And Column Left wants help, too. Send your contribution in cash for the Daily Worker fund to Column Left. Total thus far, $14. Who's next?

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A NICE example of "civilized" society was given Saturday night.

"Fly cops," working with that outfit called "the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children," and the New York League of Theatres, staged a sort of fox hunt in mid-Manhattan, and with the cops playing as hounds and little kids as foxes, managed to run down and arrest 23 children in the theatre district.

Many were in tears when herded by the cops into an empty theatre, there to be sorted out as "first offenders" and "chronic offenders."

"Offenders," indeed! An edifying spectacle, with grown men

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Fund Shortage Ruse To Slash WPA Jobs

Money Available to Continue Projects at Full Present Force—Mayor's Proposals to Acting Administrator Williams Turned Down

By Alan Max
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—The administration can find a way to finance WPA at full strength and call off the dismissal order—if it wants to.

This was the opinion expressed today by several government officials who were questioned on WPA's plan to cast adrift 425,000 workers and farmers by Dec. 15.

It was authoritatively said that the proposal, advanced by the U. S. Conference of Mayors for unraveling the financial snarl—if any actually exists—is entirely practical. And, by carrying the plan one step further, the 250,000 drought victims, in whom the mayors did not show much interest, could be taken care of too.

MAYORS' PLAN

Acting WPA Administrator Aubrey Williams told the mayors that due to a shortage of funds, the $168,000,000 spent by WPA for the month of November would have to be cut a monthly rate of $152,000,000 from Dec. 15 to Jan. 20. By that time Congress would be asked for a new appropriation to continue the program—probably at a further cut—until July 1.

The mayors proposed that the present funds, instead of being stretched out until Jan. 20, be used to keep the rolls at full strength until Jan. 15.

PLAN TURNED DOWN

In other words, instead of spending about $18,000,000 to keep the program going from Jan. 15 to Jan. 20, that sum would be used now to prevent dismissals and Congress would be asked for a new appropriation as soon as it convenes.

The proposal was turned down. No reason was given.

Today a spokesman for the WPA

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Deny Fascist Report Of U. S. Recognition Of Italian Conquest

ROME, Dec. 7. — Italian propaganda services tonight spread a report that the United States and Great Britain would soon accord tacit recognition to the Italian conquest of Ethiopia by changing their legations into consulates.

American quarters in Rome denied the report, stating that until the recall of Cornelius H. van Engert, U. S. Minister to Ethiopia, there is no reason for such a report.

No word of affirmation or denial was coming from British circles.

200 STAY-IN TO PROTEST WPA FIRINGS

Theatre Project Workers Mass in Building as 100 Picket Outside

WPA DEVELOPMENTS

Mayor LaGuardia announced WPA cuts in New York stopped temporarily by order of national WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins.

Two hundred Federal Theatre Project workers stage a "stay-in" strike.

A national "Pink Slip Pilgrimage" in Washington Jan. 3 was announced by officials of the Workers Alliance and City Projects Council.

Federal Theatre project workers, actors and writers, facing dismissal in the wave of WPA layoffs, yesterday declared a "stay-in" strike, closeting themselves at their project headquarters for the night.

More than 200 theatre project workers massed on the second floor of the building, 701 Eight Avenue, at about 5:30 P.M., while about 100 others picketed outside the building with placards denouncing the layoffs.

Two hundred policemen flanked the building outside, but no attempts were made to drive the strikers out of the offices. A similar stay-in strike of WPA artists last week resulted in a vicious police attack, 12 injuries and 219 arrests.

ASKS FIRING RESCINDED

The theatre workers' strike was called following a meeting of a delegation of 12 of the workers with Regional Director Phillip W. Barbour, at which the actors asked

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FASCISTS MARK STAND ON KING ON ROAD SIGN

Baldwin Refuses C. P. Member an Answer in Parliament

LONDON, Dec. 7. — Deep-rooted popular unrest, held in check by a domestic policy equalled in double-dealing only by the British foreign policy, stirred ominously tonight as the wider economic implications of the Simpson affair began to put its sentimental aspects in the shade.

A disgruntled farming class—its sentiment voiced in reports of reaction to the situation from many parts of the empire—brings its grievances against the Government to the fore in discussions of the Simpson case.

Meanwhile chalked slogans saying "Stand by the King" and accompanied by Fascist swastikas were spreading over England. Across the main road leading into Weymouth, such a sign was chalked in letters three feet tall and stretched on canvas banners and on walls. Two men were fined 10 shillings each for printing the slogan and the swastikas on walls.

GALLACHER RAISES REAL ISSUE

As Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin reported to the House of Commons that the government will act after King Edward makes his decision, farmers were recalling that the government has failed to give them the same tariff protection given industry; that the government is taking a passive attitude on the despotic tithe system of the Church of England, and that government

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YOUTH RALLIES TO SAVE BOYS FROM CHAIR

Organizations BackFight to Get Clemency for 23 Doomed to Die

The American Youth Congress in New York yesterday announced its support of the clemency movement for six Brooklyn young men awaiting electrocution in the Sing Sing death house.

Janet Feder, secretary, called attention to the fact that of 23 men now awaiting execution at Ossining, eight are minors.

"The cases of these boys who are to be executed for killings that occurred during hold-ups, provide tragic testimony to the fact that there are more than 390,000 unemployed young people in the city," she said, "and for the need of the American Youth Act."

THIRD DEGREE USED

The movement to save the youths, especially the six Brooklyn young men convicted on a "confession" extorted during a third degree, has been gaining momentum since the Daily Worker on Nov. 21 published an exclusive article calling attention to the facts in the case, and urging that Gov. Lehman be asked to commute the death sentences. The six were held guilty of the murder of Edwin Esposito, a BMT subway employe.

One of the first steps being planned by the Youth Congress will be the calling of a Juvenile De-

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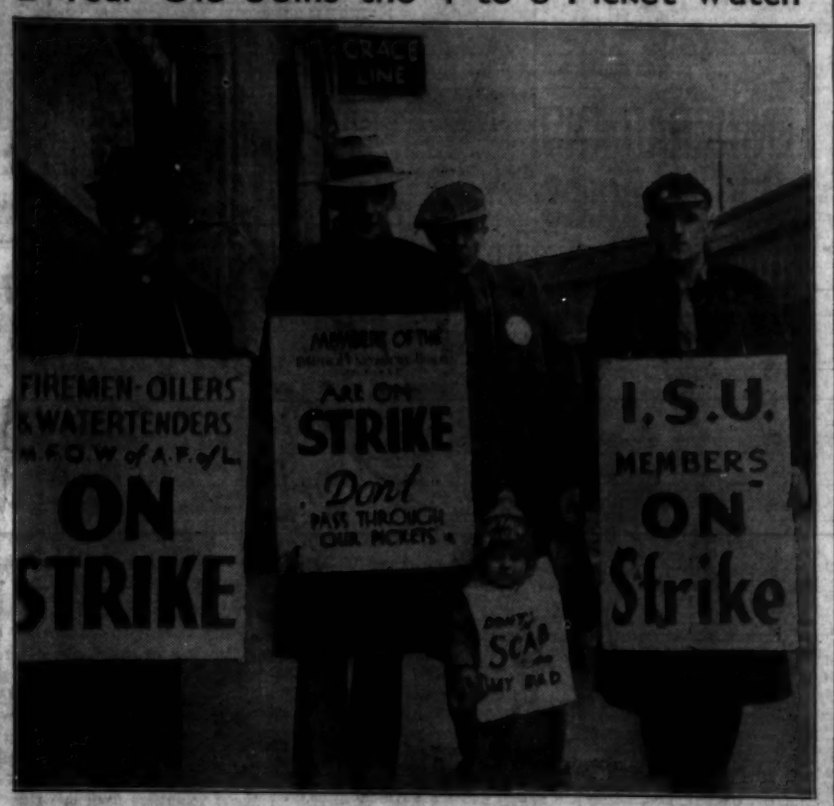
Students Rally In Defense of Corrigan; Trial Is Today

Two hundred New York University students met yesterday in Washington Square Park to demand the release of Jack Corrigan, anti-fascist student arrested for hoisting a banner calling for defense of Democratic Spain on the university flag-pole.

Corrigan himself was the last speaker at the meeting. As he spoke, students burned an effigy of the fascist leader, General Franco, which they had raised on a wooden scaffold.

Corrigan's case comes up this morning in Essex Market Court at Second Avenue and Second Street. He is charged with malicious mischief.

2-Year-Old Joins the 4 to 8 Picket Watch



Freezing temperatures cannot stop these picketing seamen who have sailed through weather ranging from tropical hurricanes to blizzards. The two-year-old kid is giving these New York pickets a hand on New York's waterfront.

Support the Seamen

Resolution and Statement of the Central Committee, Communist Party

THE nation-wide strike of marine workers is of the greatest significance to the entire American working class. It is the spearhead of the workers' drive for a living wage and better conditions in all other industries.

Although conditions in the industry are scandalous and are harmful to the lives of seamen and passengers alike, the ship owners refuse to grant the just demands of the striking marine workers. On the contrary, they are making every effort to try to use the present strike to smash the militant marine unions and reestablish fink rule in the industry. Their main aim is to smash the maritime unions.

The arrogant and brutal strategy of the ship owners is being countered by the unity and solidarity of the marine workers. The strikers have met every attack of the ship owners with greater unity, and they are pressing forward now to defeat the conspiracy of the shipping magnates and force them to grant the just and reasonable demands of the maritime workers.

The role of the officials of the I.S.U. is that of a strikebreaking agency for the ship owners. They have been exposed again and again as the paid tools of the ship owners whose one concern is to serve the men who pay them bribes.

BY REFUSING to support the striking longshoremen on the Pacific Coast and by ordering the longshoremen in the Eastern and Gulf ports to work ships that have been struck, Joseph P. Ryan, President of the International Longshoremens Association, is acting against the best interests of the strikers and is preventing the strike from coming to a speedy and successful end. This is equally true of his action against the French ship, Champlain, as an act of retaliation against the solidarity of the French dockers with the maritime strikers here. Likewise, the reactionaries who dominated the A. F. of L. Convention, after suspending the C.I.O. unions, attempted to stab the East Coast strike in the back by declaring it outlaw.

The Roosevelt Administration grants enormous subsidies to the greedy ship owners who use it to swell their money bags. But it has not lifted a finger to end intolerable conditions in the American marine industry. On the contrary, in San Francisco, through the Maritime Commission, and through its intended enforcement of the Copeland

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Refuse to Work on Scab Ship In Chester

British Seamen's Union Leader Ridicules Grange Story

BRANDS HIM LIAR

Denies Havelock Wilson Gave Funds to Him—Cites Pleas

Bulletin

The membership and officers of both the Masters, Mates and Pilots, and the Marine Engineers Benefical Association here last night voted to oppose their national officials who yesterday ordered the striking ships' officers and engineers to sever connections with striking seamen. Capt. J. Delaney heads the M.M.P. here, and Capt. A. Brown represents the M.E.B.A.

Meanwhile, a membership meeting of the Eastern and Gulf Sailors Association met and officially expelled from their union all district officers who have been active as strikebreakers in their strike. "Blackie" Myers, popular rank-and-file leader, was elected by the union members as their delegate. The expelled reactionary officials, in addition to the Board of Trustees who were ousted, were Percy Price, George Cummings and Guy Brown.

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 7.—In addition to their demand that the company contract for no work on "hot" ships, manned by scab seamen, the 2,000 striking employes of the Sun Shipbuilding Co. here are demanding a 20 per cent wage increase; time and a half for overtime; double time for Sundays and holidays, and vacations with pay.

Phillip Van Gelder, national secretary of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, said that the overwhelming majority of the shipyard workers had joined the strike, which began today, and threw a mass picket line around the plant. Striking seamen here joined the pickets.

The seamen's strike along the Atlantic coast took its first march inland yesterday when 3,000 shipyard workers of the Sun Shipbuilding Company, Chester, Pa., walked out on general strike against a scab-manned vessel in the yard's drydock.

Promise of such action was made to the seamen at the beginning of the maritime strike on this coast by officials of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, who declared they would strike against any repair work on "fink" ships.

Yesterday, the shipbuilding union made good its promise, sending a wave of enthusiasm throughout the marine industry, by tying up one of the biggest yards on the East coast.

FIRM BROKE PACT

The scab vessel, the tanker Alfred Hill, whose entry into the drydock of the Sun Shipbuilding Company caused the walkout, is owned by the Atlantic Refining Company.

Officers of the shipyard union said that the company had violated its contract by accepting a ship manned by non-union workers.

Seamen here at once sent a telegram of congratulations to H. B. Harper, the shipyard strikers chairman, welcoming the action in the name of 70,000 striking maritime workers on the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific coasts.

PUSH FIGHT ON GRANGE

Meanwhile, further developments here in the striking seamen's strug-

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Daily Worker to Bare Utility Trust Grab By Excessive Bills

DID YOU PAY YOUR GAS BILL THIS MONTH?

Have you noticed month after month that your gas and electric bills are far too high?

Have you ever found out what the trouble was?

Have you ever complained to the company?

Write to the Daily Worker, 50 East 13th St., about your experiences.

Watch the Daily Worker for its startling expose of the practices used by the utility companies to gyp the public.

World Front Leads Field In Departmental Race

'With the Unions' Next in Line, but Voters Are Tardy at Poll of Popularity—Votes by Thousands Needed, Penny Apiece

"Ho-hum-m-m, it looks like a walk-away for World Front," yawned Harry Gannes yesterday when the first check-up was made of the inter-departmental competition of the Daily Worker financial drive.

It showed Gannes a terrific pace-setter as the competition was getting under way with eleven units of the People's Champion trying for the coveted honor of attracting most money to the drive fund.

You see, it's a kind of test, at the same time, of the different departments' popularity. Each penny is a vote, each dollar a hundred votes.

Gannes has a total of 12,775 votes, which means that his world affairs column has brought in a total of $127.75. The "With the Unions" column was running a slow second with $50 and "Column Left" trailed with $22.50. Of the rest, Ten Benson, sports columnist, led with a meagre $15.10. But here's the full standing at the first check-up, and remember if your favorite department is to win, it needs pennies by the thousands. The standing:

Department	Received Yesterday	Total To Date
World Front	$16.50	$127.75
With the Unions	———	50.00
Column Left	3.50	22.50
Ted Benson	11.49	15.10
We (Editorial Writers)	11.00	13.75
What's On	2.00	5.51
Del	5.00	5.00
Women's Column	3.00	3.00
Redfield	———	2.27
Uptown and Downtown	1.00	1.00
Grapper	.50	.50
	$56.99	$343.33

UNION ASKS TO AID PROBE

Tenant Farmers Demand Representation On Commission

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 7. — The Southern Tenant Farmers Union today demanded tha it be represented on the Federal Farm Tenancy Commission, which is investigating conditions in the agricultural areas of the South.

President J. R. Butler and Secretary H. L. Mitchell telegraphed Secretary of Agriculture Wallace as follows:

"It is a matter of public record that the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, an organization of 30,000 members, is largely responsible for focusing public attention on the grave problem of farm tenancy, particularly the plight of the Southern farm laborer."

COURT UPHOLDS NEW DEAL ACTS

Illinois, California Price Fixing Provisions Are Held Legal

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—The United States Supreme Court, acting on important New Deal legislation today, upheld the price fixing provisions of the Illinois and California Free Trade Practices Act.

Both Acts involve the principle of the NRA on a modified State basis. Earlier in the year the Supreme Court knocked out the NRA and the AAA in its drive to kill all social welfare legislation. The court also approved a Federal Communications Commission order establishing uniform accounting systems for telephone companies.

Another decision today held that no injunctions to prevent the operation of the Utilities Act would be entertained until there is a Federal District Court decision in the Electric Bond & Share case. The North American Co., the American Water Works and Electric Co., and other powerful utilities interests, sought to hold up the operation of the Utilities Act indefinitely.

Nicaragua to Hold National Elections

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 7.—This Central American Republic is holding an election for President and National Senate tomorrow.

Gen. Anastasio Somoza, former director of the National Guard, appears to be ordained the winner, as his major opponent, Dr. Leonardo Arguello, is in exile in San Salvador.

Labor Board Sets Date For Steel Trust Hearing

U. S. Steel and Carnegie-Illinois Officials Summoned to Hearing on Dec. 17 to Answer Coercion Charges Made by Unionists

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (UP).—The National Labor Relations Board tonight summoned officials of the U. S. Steel Corp. and its vast subsidiary, Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp., to appear Dec. 17 to answer charges that they are interfering with the rights of workers to unionize.

The summons marked the first open attack by the Board on U. S. Steel's three-year-old employe-representation plan. It resulted from charges filed by John L. Lewis' Steel Workers' Organizing Committee and by the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers.

The board's complaint dealt particularly with the recent wage raise increase announced by U. S. Steel.

CHARGED COERCION

At the time the proposal was broached Elmer J. Maloy, Pittsburgh representative of the employes representation council and Lewis supporter, charged that the company was using "coercion" to force through the wage contracts.

The Board specifically charged the steel corporation with interfering with the "self-organization of employes in 21 Carnegie-Illinois plants. It asserted that the employe-representation plan is dominated and financially supported by the steel companies.

POINTS CITED

The following "defects" in the plan were cited by the Board: (1)

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Prestes to Face Trial Next Week

Luiz Carlos Prestes, Brazil's "Knight of Freedom," will be placed on trial for high treason "some time next week," the Daily Worker learned yesterday.

The report came in the form of a denial by Brazilian government sources that Prestes had already been sentenced, replying to a cabled inquiry from the United Press.

Main Street Burns In Sinclair Lewis Town

SAUK CENTER, Minn., Dec. 7 (UP). — Five buildings on Main Street made famous by Sinclair Lewis—were destroyed yesterday in the worst fire in the town's history. Damage was $150,000. Three persons were injured. Origin of the fire was not known.

People of Soviet Union Hail Adoption of New Charter

Marchers Greeted At Red Square by Leaders of U.S.S.R.

Crowds Lampoon Nazi Critics of the New Constitution—Students, Women, Red Army Men Cite Guarantees of Charter

By Sender Garlin
(Daily Worker Moscow Correspondent)

MOSCOW, Dec. 7 (By Cable).—The streets of Moscow teemed with happy, rollicking thousands today as the entire population marched in celebration of the adoption of their new Soviet Constitution.

The day was wet and foggy, but the people could not have been in a better and more high-spirited mood.

Late Saturday night powerful radio loudspeakers throughout the city heralded the news that the Eighth Congress of Soviets at its final session had enacted the new Soviet Constitution into the basic law of the land.

Early the next morning the streets of the Red capital were filled with the joyous population celebrating the greatest event since the workers and peasants, under the leadership of the Communist Party, drove out the exploiters and established Soviet Power.

PEOPLE MARCH

Triumphant songs of victory echoed through the streets as they marched—it was a great people's festival, spontaneous and happy.

They came from factories, offices, schools and universities. Some contingents brought their own bands, while others had accordionists who played as the youth danced in the streets.

Savants from the Soviet Academy of Sciences followed workers of the Trekhgornia Textile Mill, while leading members of the Soviet Union of Writers preceded a contingent from an auto plant.

All marched through the slush of the city streets, holding aloft quotations from the modern genuine Magna Charta.

At times the fog was so thick you could not see the words on the placcards the marchers carried, but you could always hear their voices singing vigorous happy words, or "My Fatherland":

"Vast is my country; it has many forests, fields, and rivers; I know of no other country where man breathes so freely."

GREETED BY LEADERS

"Why shouldn't we be happy? We have the best and most democratic Constitution in the world. It guarantees real liberty; it guarantees us the right to a job, to education and to rest."

This, with minor variations, was the answer I got from workers, students and Red Army-men with whom I talked on the streets of Moscow today as their contingents were halted at various points in the city on the way to Red Square.

At the Red Square, the leaders of the Party and the Government—Vyacheslaff M. Molotov, Mikhail I. Kalinin, Klimenty Voroshilov, Lazar D. Kaganovitch, Gregori K. Orjonikidze, stood atop the Lenin Mausoleum acknowledging the greetings of the paraders.

On the tribune stood delegates from the memorable Eighth Congress of Soviets, and delegations from Moscow factories.

WHY STUDENTS REJOICE

Speaking in the name of the 20,000,000 Soviet trade unionists, Nikolai Schvernik, chairman of the All-Union Council of Soviet Trade Unions, characterized the day as one that will go down in the history of man's liberation.

Near the American Embassy, I encountered a contingent of students from one of the big Moscow mining academies.

"Why are you so happy?" I asked them.

They marvelled at my apparent air of detachment. And they countered smilingly:

"Are the students of your country guaranteed the right to education, and are they guaranteed the right to jobs after they graduate?"

JOBS GUARANTEED

They told me of their "wonderful Institute," of their dormitories, and of the monthly stipend they receive.

"Take my case," said Anatol Grentz. "In a few months I shall be a mining engineer. The new Soviet Constitution guarantees me, as well as other Soviet citizens, rights undreamed of in other countries.

"I am not worried about a job: I will work wherever there is oil—in Baku, Siberia or Kazakstan."

Today's parade was a magnificent crescendo to the historic Congress of Soviets. The appearance of the marchers, men and women, young and old, was a striking confirmation of everything the speakers said at the Congress about the increased well-being of the Soviet population. Everyone was warmly and comfortably dressed, some even luxuriously.

Stalin's trenchant words, "The new Constitution of the U.S.S.R. will be an indictment against fascism," were reflected in hundreds of bitingly satirical placards carried by marchers, in which the reactionary—especially Nazi—critics of the Soviet Constitution were lampooned.

WHAT NEW CHARTER MEANS

The people of the Soviet Union know that all bourgeois constitutions are based on private property in the means of production and on the exploitation of man by man.

At the same time they know that the triumph of socialism in the U.S.S.R., epitomized by the Soviet Constitution, makes exploitation here impossible.

That is why they are happy—that is why they expressed their joy so unrestrainedly today.

LENINGRAD AND KIEV WORKERS HAIL CHARTER

Cities in Festive Mood as Throngs Hear News of 8th Congress

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

LENINGRAD, Dec. 7. — Joyous Leningrad bore a festive appearance today, as it celebrated the adoption of the new Soviet Constitution.

Over the historic Smolny building where, on Jan. 24, 1918, the Third All-Russian Congress of Soviets approved the Leninist "Declaration of the Rights of Toilers and Exploited People," waves a huge red flag.

Long before the opening of the final session of the Soviet Congress Saturday, tens of thousands of Leningrad's inhabitants gathered at loud-speakers in the factories, plants, institutions and schools, while in most factories great meetings of the workers were held.

KIEV CELEBRATION

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

KIEV, U.S.S.R., Dec. 7.—Despite a heavy fog, the streets of Kiev were yesterday filled to overflowing with gay-hearted Soviet workers celebrating the adoption of the new Soviet Constitution of victorious socialism.

As soon as word flashed over the radio that the final text of the Constitution had been adopted, big meetings were held everywhere.

A typical resolution adopted as A typical resolution adopted was vik" plant. It read: "We will take care of every letter of the great charter of the peoples, of every inch of the vast Soviet land, of every atom of Soviet air, like the apple of our eye. Long live our father and teacher, our leader, Comrade Stalin, creator of the new Constitution!"

40 STATIONS FOR SPAIN IN PHILADELPHIA

Mass Rally Thursday to Mark Drive for Funds, Clothes

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7. — More than 40 Spanish aid stations have been opened in the city in the drive to aid the Spanish people, that will be climaxed on Thursday night by a mass meeting for the three Spanish government delegates now touring this country.

The rally in the big Metropolitan Opera House has been endorsed by the Central Labor Union and a capacity audience is expected to hear Isabel de Palencia, Spanish Ambassador to Sweden; the Rev. Father Luis Sarasola, Catholic priest; and Marcelino Domingo, president of the Left Republican Party.

Following is the list of stations to which funds, food, clothing, and medical supplies should be brought:

PHILADELPHIA STATIONS

1208 Tasker St.; 2914 N. 2nd St.; 434 N. 62nd St.; 31st and Ridge; 1137 N. 41st St.; 205 S. 11th St.; 1747 N. Wilton St.; 5401 Montgomery Ave.; 1306 N. 7th St.; 311 N. 16th St.; 1109 Walnut St.; 1314 Walnut St.; 104 S. 9th St.; 639 Chestnut St.; 715 N. 6th St.; 415 S. 8th St.

Morning Freiheit Office — Washington Square Bldg.; 118 Allegheny Ave.; Amalgamated Clothing Workers, 3115 South St.; 543 Lehigh Ave.; 1303 W. Girard Ave.; American League Against War and Fascism, 538 Widener Building; International Labor Defense, 49 N. 8th St.; 2458 N. 30th St.; 310 S. Juniper St.; Shelbourne Apts., 13th and Lindley Sts.

I.W.O. Center, 1400 Orthodox St.; 701 Ritner St.; 4023 W. Girard Ave.; 3711 Osage Ave.; 735 Fairmount Ave.; 2014 N. 32nd St.; 4032 Germantown Ave.; 2321 Fairmount Ave.; 2930 N. 21st St.; 6101 Osage Ave.; 4975 Sheldon St.; 22nd and Tasker Sts.; 439 E. Wyoming Ave.; 2274 Cambria St.; 2331 Fairmount Ave.; Kensington Labor Lyceum, 2914 N. 2nd St.; 329 Pine St., Room 5; 943 N. Franklin St.; 3404 Ridge Ave.; 2014 N. 32nd St.

Standard Oil Raises Price in 10 States

CHICAGO, Dec. 7 (UP).—Standard Oil Company of Indiana today announced that all gasoline prices will be advanced three-tenths of a cent per gallon, effective Dec. 9.

Dealers in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Northern Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin will be charged the new price.

Another Union Shop Does Its Part for Spain

Workers of Gardenis Garments, Inc., are pledged to do their share to fulfill the goal of 100,000 union made garments for the defenders of Madrid.

At the cutting table (left to right) are J. Handman, proprietor; H. Wallech, business agent of International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Local 9; S. A. Solomonick, organization secretary of the Trade Union Committee to Manufacture Clothing for Spain; Sam Feuerstein, Business Agent of Local 9; Max Appleman, proprietor.

DISSOLUTION OF JAPANESE DIET LOOMS

Martial Law Reported in Tsingtao—Japan Sends Warships

TOKIO, Dec. 7.—Dissolution of the Diet (Parliament) loomed close today as widespread popular discontent with the Government's anti-Chinese and anti-Soviet policy forced the major political parties to take a stand against the Hirota Cabinet.

The semi-official Domei news agency declared that Premier Koki Hirota was consulting with other Cabinet leaders to discuss dissolution and the advisability of an attempt to reach an understanding with the balking political parties.

CENTER OF CONFLICT

The conflict centered about Japanese relations with China and the Soviet Union, though inner economic difficulties were also concerned. Japan recently signed an "anti-Communism" pact with Nazi Germany, which was openly understood to be directed against the Soviet Union.

The refusal of the Nanking Government to accede to an "understanding," as called for in diplomatic conversations by Ambassador to Nanking Shigeru Kawagoe, has also heightened Sino-Japanese tension.

PRESSURE FROM LABOR

Chinese resistance stiffened over the week-end when Japanese marines occupied the port of Tsintao, in Shantung Province, reportedly declaring martial law. Chinese workers in Japanese-controlled factories had gone on strike.

The domestic issues included tax reforms and reform of certain government departments, Domei declared.

Opposition to the Government was taken by the Shakai Taishuto (Social Masses or Labor Party), under direct pressure from organized labor, and then spread to other parties with petty-bourgeois support.

MARTIAL LAW IN TSINGTAO

SHANGHAI, Dec. 7 (UP).—Reports to the Chinese press today said martial law had been declared in Tsingtao, Chinese textile port on the Yellow Sea now in possession of Japanese marines.

The same sources said that additional Japanese warships were on their way to Tsingtao from Dairen and South China waters.

Nearly 36,000 Chinese textile workers have been on strike for a week at Tsingtao with nine Japanese-owned mills closed.

PARLEY GETS PLAN OF U. S.

U. S. Proposes Pact to Bind Americas to Neutrality in War

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 7.—A draft of a plan to co-ordinate existing peace pacts and facilitate relations between the American nations was presented today to the Inter-American Peace Conference here by the United States delegation.

Hitched on to the proposal was a neutrality project of the "plague on both your houses" type. Though Secretary of State Cordell Hull in his address Saturday recognized that war anywhere in the world threatens war everywhere, the pact would pledge American nations to put all belligerents anywhere in the world on an equal footing, refusing them arms, munitions and credits. Nations attacked by aggressors would be judged equally guilty with the attackers.

A permanent consultative committee of the 21 American republics would be set up, empowered to determine whether a "state of war" actually existed at any time, and to offer mediation in such a conflict.

Germans Battling Against the Nazis In Madrid Trenches

German Communist Party Hails the Heroic Fighters of the Thaelmann Centuria in the International Battalion's Ranks Fighting Fascists

In the trenches about Madrid the two Germanys face each other: the Germany of peace, democracy and freedom, fighting in the International Battalion; and the Germany of war, fascism and oppression, directing the mercenaries in Franco's Fascist army. The Fascist attempt to capture Madrid has been balked by the valor of the republican militia, with the invaluable aid of the International Battalion, composed of anti-fascist volunteers from many nations.

One of the most important detachments in the International Battalion is the Thaelmann Centuria, named after the imprisoned leader of the German Communist Party.

Thaelmann and Hitler face each other on the battlefields around Madrid, and so far victory has been Thaelmann's. The following letter, dated Nov. 7, from the German Communist Party to the Thaelmann Centuria, expresses the gratitude of the German people to these German anti-fascist fighters, who have rescued the honor of the German people, sullied by the filth of Hitlerism.

TO THE THAELMANN CENTURIA

(A Letter from the Communist Party of Germany.)

Dear Comrades,

We are filled with pride by the news of your towering valor, of the model work you are doing to support the Spanish people in their fight for freedom. We bow our heads and lower our banners in the memory of the comrades who have given up their lives in battle. They have made a worthy entry into the great ranks of our heroes, **John Scheer, gar Andre, Rudolph Claus** and the **gar Andre, Rudolph Clauss** and the thousands of others. Their names will never be forgotten.

Greetings to the wounded comrades. We wish them a speedy recovery!

The struggle you are waging against the mercenary fascist troops shoulder to shoulder with the workers, peasants and citizens of Spain, is a model for all German anti-fascists. Behind the gang of reactionary generals, landlords and bankers, who have unleashed this civil war, stand the reactionary forces of Europe, above all, Hitler.

HITLER SEEKS A VASSAL STATE

The Hitler government, which has brought down a food crisis upon the German people and has forced them into mass indebtedness, holds a burning interest in the victory of Franco and Mola, because it hopes to win a vassal state on the Mediterranean through the overthrow of democratic Spain.

The Hitler government stirred up this civil war through its agents and supports the fascist traitors to their country with planes, weapons and instruction officers, in order to conquer a fascist base from which to strike a blow to the rear of democratic France.

The Hitler government wishes to strangle the youthful Spanish democracy in order to force a breach in the front of countries which wish to secure peace. Franco's mercenary troops are the vanguard detachment called out by Hitler for the proclaimed crusade against democracy, against the Soviet Union, and against progress throughout the world.

HITLER IS NOT GERMANY

You, comrades of the Thaelmann Centuria, are proving in this situation to the peace-loving peoples that **Hitler is not Germany.** In your ranks there are no splitting party differences. Communists, Social-Democrats, Christians and non-Party workers march and battle for the same goal, for freedom and peace. The hearts of the millions of Germans who anxiously long for the victory of the Spanish people are

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beating for you. Your deeds exhort all German foes of Hitler to join their forces for a common struggle against the National-Socialist war monger.

On all sectors of the front of the Spanish civil war, German comrades have laid down their lives. You courageous fighters, who drive forward through the hail of enemy fire singing the "Internationale," go forward with the best wishes of the workers of Germany, who do not let themselves be led astray by the whirlwind of lies of the fascist press, who spread the truth by radio and otherwise despite prison and concentration camps.

In every section of Germany the workers have collected money in the factories and sent it abroad as a sign of practical solidarity with their Spanish brothers. News of the arms transport to the Spanish fascists reaches foreign countries despite factory police and the Gestapo. In one printing plant the workers smuggled a slogan against Franco and Mola into a National-Socialist newspaper. Newspapers and leaflets pass from hand to hand, revealing the truth about the Spanish people's struggle for freedom.

PART OF [illegible]OAD FRONT

Comrades, you too are a part of this broad front. **You are an expression of the burning sympathy of the enslaved German people for the embattled people of Spain.**

Through your fulfillment of duty, through your exemplary bravery, you are bringing honor to the name of your troops.

On your banner is inscribed the name of Ernst Thaelmann. You are encouraged by his spirit. Carry the name of our leader and vanguard-fighter forward to further glory!

You are furnishing a living example to the anti-fascists and foes of Hitler within Germany, while you have closed your ranks in order to be able together to defeat the foes of freedom.

Onward, comrades, forward to victory! The defeat of Franco will be a severe defeat for Hitler. With the conquest and the solidification of the freedom of the Spanish people, a blow will have been given to the fascist prison-fortress in Germany. Hitler must and will lose this war!

We greet you in the name of all the members of the Communist Party of Germany.

On the 19th Anniversary of the victorious October Revolution.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Germany (Section of the Communist International).

SPAIN ENVOYS SPEAK TONIGHT IN CLEVELAND

Delegates in Pittsburgh Tomorrow to Rally Aid for Spain

CLEVELAND, Dec. 7.—Three delegates of Spanish democracy on a cross-continent tour of America will speak at a mass meeting here tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at the Euclid Ave. Baptist Church, E. 17th St. and Euclid Ave.

Culminating weeks of intensive Spanish aid activities, the rally is expected to bring delegations of workers from Canton, Akron, Youngstown, Massilon, and other surrounding cities to hear the trio of government speakers—Isabel de Palencia, Spanish ambassador to Sweden; the Rev. Father Luis Sarasola, Catholic priest; and Marcelino Domingo, president of the Left Republican Party.

House-to-house canvassing for food, clothing, medical supplies, and money is being made by organizations and individuals working in the campaign through the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy. Various trade unions have voted contributions of funds for Spain.

A number of committees are collecting medical supplies from doctors' offices. With the slogan, "A Million Cans of Milk for the Babies of Spain by Christmas," women's groups are setting up barrels in stores, getting contributions from grocers and procuring other donations directly through the office of the Cleveland Committee at 542 Engineers Building.

IN PITTSBURGH WEDNESDAY

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 7. — Slowly making their way cast with speaking engagements in all large cities, the trio of Spanish government representatives touring the country will speak here Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock at the Carnegie Music Hall.

Held under the auspices of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, the rally will be among the last appearances of the three delegates in America before going back to Europe. The delegation includes Isabel de Palencia, Spanish Ambassador to Sweden; the Rev. Father Luis Sarasola, Catholic priest; and Marcelino Domingo, president of Left Republican Party.

Van Paasen to Speak on Spain

Pierre van Paasen, correspondent who arrived here from Spain recently, will speak on "What I Saw in Spain" Friday evening, Dec. 11.

Van Paasen will be the main speaker at a Peace and Democracy dinner sponsored by the American League Against War and Fascism Friday night at the Hotel Commodore.

Other speakers will be Dr. Harry F. Ward, national chairman of the American League, Prof. Jerome Davis, president of the American Federation of Teachers, and Miss Emily Greene Balch, vice-president of the American section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Missing in Hop

DAJAR, French West Africa, Dec. 7 (UP).—Jean Mermoz, veteran French distance and air mail flier across the South Atlantic to South America, was reported missing today somewhere between here and Brazil. He was flying the airmail.

C. P. Greets Stalin on New Soviet Charter

To Publish 1,000,000 Copies of Constitution

Fraternal greetings to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and its leader, Joseph Stalin, on the occasion of the adoption of the new Soviet Constitution, were sent by the Central Committee of the Communist Party at the conclusion of its three-day meeting in New York.

The Party's cablegram, signed by William Z. Foster, chairman, and Earl Browder, general secretary, follows in full:

"Ardent fraternal greetings to Central Committee, Communist Party Soviet Union and our leader Stalin on the world historic occasion of the adoption of the new Soviet Constitution.

"Despite sophistries and insincerites of bourgeois critics, wide circles of the fighting Farmer-Labor democracy of our country see the most profound aspirations and the greatest dream of the American people embodied and realized in your Constitution and social order.

"The right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, which in our constitution is still only a promise—a promise that the reactionary and fascist-minded capitalists would like to erase from the people's memory—has in your country become a reality, registered in the Constitution as an accomplished fact, and guaranteed by fundamental law in the form of the inalienable right of every citizen to a job, a decent livelihood, leisure and education.

"Your epoch-making Constitution—a blessing to the peoples of the Soviet Union—will also help the emerging Farmer-Labor democracy of this country, which has just administered a telling rebuke to reaction and the enemies of democracy, to proceed more confidently and consciously to the organization of the People's Front, and to the realization of the promises of our Constitution and of the great dream of the American people.

"Comrade Stalin's report to the Soviet Congress, which we have decided, as a beginning, to distribute in one million copies, will become a beacon light to all democratic and People's forces in the struggle against fascism and war, for peace and democracy, for the victory of the Spanish people against fascist oppressors and interventionists."

Four Young Envoys From Spain to Speak

Leaders of Fighting Youth to Be Heard Dec. 17 at Hippodrome—Each Is Head of a People's Front Institution

Four young people from Spain will bring the message of the embattled anti-fascist youth to the youth of America at a mass meeting at the Hippodrome on Thursday night, Dec. 17.

Arranged under the auspices of the United Youth Committee for Spanish Democracy, the meeting will be the first public reception for the four youth delegates.

The four Spanish delegates are Josephina Ramirez, executive member of the Youth of the Republican Union and director of a military hospital; Ygenz Eugenio, student at Lauvain Catholic University and secretary of the Catholic newspaper, Cruz y Boya; Luis Simarro, of the United Young Socialist League and Commander of a military battalion, and his wife Maria Simarro, director of a children's home.

Tom Jones, editor of the Columbia Spectator, who is chairman of the United Youth Committee, declared:

"The Spanish delegation will come before the young people of New York at the Hippodrome—stirring and dramatic examples of the heroic youth of Spain, sacrificing their lives to repulse the fascist rebels.

"They have come to place the case of Spanish Democracy before the young people of the United States. It is essential that all progressives and lovers of democracy attend the Thursday night meeting at the Hippodrome."

John Little, New York State Secretary of the Young Communist League, issued a special statement urging members of the League to support the meeting with a vigorous campaign.

"League members," Little asserted, "after reading the vicious attack on the Spanish people in the morning's New York Times, will undoubtedly be spurred on in their efforts to gain a wide audience for the young visitors from Spain, who will speak of the fascist murder of women and children and the courageous defense of the Youth of Spain.

"I am confident that, although this is very short notice, League members will respond with the enthusiasm which characterized their work in the election campaign and their activity in the present campaign to aid Spanish Democracy.

"I am confident that sections and branches will issue leaflets for distribution among young people in the neighborhoods. I am confident that in Spanish Harlem our League will redouble its efforts to secure a large turnout at the Hippodrome meeting."

Admission to the meeting will be 25c, 40c, and 75c. The meeting will start at 8 P.M.

BAR NAZIS—MAYOR ASKED

Whalen and LaGuardia Invite Them to Fair in New York

Protests against the invitation extended to Nazi Germany to participate in the 1939 World's Fair have been pouring in on Grover A. Whalen, president of the World's Fair Corporation, and on Mayor LaGuardia, the non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League's offices announced yesterday.

The League, through its president, Samuel Untermyer, sent telegrams of protest to LaGuardia and Whalen, declaring that "Nazi Germany's participation in the World's Fair, which is dedicated to progress and human advance, would be a horrible travesty."

"Any honest and accurate presentation by the Nazis at the fair would have to include terror, barbarism, destruction of art and education and reduction of a once great nation to a state of primitive savagery," the telegram to Whalen stated.

The League also stated that many protests passing through its hands express sharp surprise that no invitation had been extended to the Soviet Union to participate in the fair.

Recognition of Franco Seen As Heightening War Danger

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—German recognition of the Spanish Fascist junta and "the failure of Great Britain and France to insist upon strict fulfillment of the non-intervention agreement" have heightened the danger of war, the Foreign Policy Association declared yesterday.

In an analysis of the Spanish civil war, written by Vera Micheles Dean, the current Foreign Policy report said:

"In practice, non-intervention took the form of intervention in Spanish affairs by depriving the Madrid government of its acknowledged right to purchase arms abroad. . . .

"This recognition—coming at a moment when the rebels were encountering stubborn resistance on the part of Madrid's defenders, strengthened by the last-minute arrival of Soviet arms and war material—created the impression that the Fascist powers intended to assure the victory of General Franco and block the establishment of a left government in Catalonia—even at the risk of collision with the Soviet Union."

Report Big Meteor

MOSCOW, Dec. 7 (UP).—A large meteor fell near a village in the Turukhansk region of Siberia near the Arctic Circle at 1 A. M. on Nov. 29, reports reaching here today said. The meteor lighted up the sky, roaring like an airplane, peasants said.

WHAT'S ON

"WHAT'S ON?" The Drive's On—Keep the What's On going—A penny a vote! Without the What's On, your party is not successful—so send in your vote!

Philadelphia, Pa.

Come and greet and be greeted by six members of the Central Committee of Communist Party! Earl Browder, Wm. Z. Foster and others! Saturday, Dec. 12, Jefferson Manor, Jefferson and Broad Sts., at 8:30 P. M. Those raising $5 will be admitted as shock brigaders.

C. A. Hathaway, editor of Daily Worker, lectures at Phila. Workers School, 1214 Walnut St., on "A. F. of L. Convention" on Dec. 8 at 8:30 P.M. Dec. 15 on "Present International Situation." Fee for both 75c. Single lectures 50c.

Newark, N. J.

Lecture by Vern Smith, member of Daily Worker staff, on "Soviet Union —Bulwark Against War and Fascism," at I.W.O. Hall, 516 Clinton Ave., Newark, N.J. Adm. 15c. Auspices: C.P.

Chicago, Ill.

A night in Barcelona, Fiesta Espanola, Saturday night, Dec. 12, 3533 Ellis. Adm. 25c. Ausp.: The Vanguards.

Ask Jersey Enact Real Social Insurance Law

Communist Party Bares 3 Proposals of State Social Security Commission—Demands Law Patterned After Frazier-Lundeen Bill

STATEMENT OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF NEW JERSEY

As hearings on New Jersey State unemployment insurance legislation open, the Communist Party of New Jersey has bared the three proposals thus far put forward as failing to meet the needs of the employed and unemployed.

The New Jersey Social Security Commission has scheduled hearings for today to determine the kind of unemployment insurance the people of this State want. In connection with these hearings, it has made public three proposals, termed in order, Plan A, B, and C which are expected to conform with the Social Security Act, effective Dec. 21st.

On behalf of the New Jersey State Committee of the Communist Party, I want to briefly analyze our position and attitude towards these proposals.

Firstly, all these proposals are consistent in their inadequacy, although not in the same degree. None of them conforms to the desires of the people for a genuine system of unemployment insurance. They appear to be the products of those who have consistently fought any kind of unemployment insurance for the people of New Jersey and who are galvanized into action only at the last moment, when all hopes for vitiating the Federal Social Security Act as unconstitutional have proved worthless.

Secondly, it follows that in their rush to draft unemployment legislation, they should therefore want to water it down to the lowest level.

TWO OF PLANS

From a summary of the plan only which we got in the Newark Ledger and taking them in their entirety, as between Plan A, B, and C, we conclude that Plan C is the least vicious and inadequate of the three inadequate proposals, and most in conformity with the Federal Act.

Plan A appears to be nothing more than the old company plan of reserves that have proved completely worthless in the past but were used as a sop to reconcile the employee to his intolerable conditions in his shop.

In Plan B, the worker is presented with the mirage of permanent employment for 48 weeks, 30 hours per week. Incidentally, the 30 hour week will not be guaranteed by the promise of the individual employer but by the independent action of the workers organized in strong trade unions. But the employer is left with the choice of guarantee or reserves.

BURDEN ON WORKERS

In both these plans, for apparent rather than real benefits, the worker is asked to shoulder in Plan A 2 per cent of the burden and in plan B, 1 and a half per cent. We are opposed to any contribution by the workers.

In attempting to draft legislation on unemployment insurance, the Communist Party is of the opinion, and we maintain that the only genuine unemployment bill must be patterned along the lines of the Lundeen-Frazier Bill, introduced this year into the Senate and House of Representatives (S3475 and H. R. 9680). This, in the real sense, is the mandate of the people in the sweeping victory of the Roosevelt administration. The purpose of unemployment insurance is to defend the worker against the ravages of unemployment which is beyond his control. The employers, who control the shops, factories and all the avenues of industry must be made to accept this responsibility and bear the full burden of the cost. The sweep of the Roosevelt vote is not an endorsement of the Administration's totally inadequate Social Security Act but a resounding repudiation of the Republican-Liberty League alternate of denying any social legislation whatsoever.

TERMS OF LUNDEEN BILL

The Lundeen-Frazier Bill, in whose support millions of people rallied (trade unionists, unemployed, fraternal, church and veteran organizations), includes all the advantages of a real unemployment insurance bill, which Plan A, B, and C and D, totally lack. What does the Lundeen-Frazier Bill include which Plans A, B, and C, lack? This bill is inclusive and provides insurance for all at present unemployed or unemployed in the future, at full compensation for the entire period of unemployment. Benefits under this bill are equal to average local wages with a minimum of $10 per week and $3 for each dependent, with a maximum waiting period of 10 days. The money is to be raised by a tax on high incomes, corporate surpluses and other accumulated wealth. These are the main features of the bill, which is to be dispensed without discrimination because of race, color, creed, political or religious belief or union activities.

BURDEN ON RICH

This is the sort of bill the workers want. No doubt such a bill when proposed makes the employers restless, interferes with their sleep, because the burden would be placed on those who should and can pay. The people are learning how to press forward their demand of "Make the rich pay."

The Republican reaction and the Hague reactionary machine have not yet learned the lessons of the Roosevelt landslide. They do not yet see that while Roosevelt was demagogically welcoming the hatred of "organized money" and with tongue in cheek declaring, "we have only just begun to fight," this in fact did express the sentiments of the workers and people of America particularly the people of New Jersey.

If the overwhelming sweep of Roosevelt's victory is to be appraised at its real value, then we must see the tide as the currents of a movement which is demanding real progressive legislation, whether in unemployment, insurance, jobs, wages, relief, civil rights and all legislation affecting the masses of toiling people.

In contrast to Plan A, B, and C, a bill following the main lines of the Lundeen-Frazier Bill is the only real progressive legislation. The masses of people of this State and the Communist Party have only just begun to fight for this.

Ready to Camp Until Xmas

These WPA seamstresses of Pleasantville, N. J., have announced that they are ready to camp in the City Hall until Christmas in the battle to retain their project jobs. They have been there a week and there have been no signs of weakening. There they are partaking of some food to keep going. We wish them good luck.

PLAN JERSEY PROTESTS ON WPA LAYOFFS

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 7.—Protesting against wholesale WPA layoffs, the Workers Alliance will picket the state capitol this morning at 10 o'clock.

Later in the day at 2 P.M. a statewide delegation will make their protest against mass firing to Gov. Harold Hoffman and demand that New Jersey take steps against WPA curtailments.

At a meeting of the State Executive Board of the Alliance here yesterday, members decided to conduct an intensive campaign against WPA slashes and urged all locals throughout the state to picket local WPA offices to prevent the cuts. Local action is planned in Camden, Mercer and Burlington counties

NEWARK RALLY TONIGHT

NEWARK, Dec. 7.—A mass meeting against WPA layoffs will be held here tomorrow night at 59 Beacon St. by the Workers Alliance. Protests against cuts will be made to state and national WPA administrators.

C. P. in Court Fights Ban by Boss Hague

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 7.—A deliberate campaign by city officials—under the leadership of Mayor (Boss) Hague—to outlaw the Communist Party and all progressive organizations was bared at today's Chancery Court hearing on the Communist Party's petition for an order to restrain police from interfering with its meetings.

The hearing was held in a courtroom crowded with lawyers, workers, and other spectators interested in the fundamental issues of civil rights raised during the arguments before Vice Chancellor James F. Fielder, former governor of New Jersey.

DECISION MONDAY

Chancellor Fielder instructed attorneys for the police and for the Communist Party to file complete briefs by next Monday, when he will hand down his decision. The Hudson County Communist Party said today that if the restraining order is denied, a final hearing will be demanded, and that the case will be taken to the higher courts on appeal.

"We consider this case a test of our fundamental legality, and of whether city officials can arbitrarily abrogate the Bill of Rights," a spokesman for the Party said.

Counsel for the police authorities, defending police barring of a Communist Party meeting on Nov. 21, argued that the Communist Party "consistently violated local laws on circulation of literature and leaflets," that the Party "advocates force and violence," that it is an "unlawful party, advocating murder and assassination," that American citizenship is not a requisite for membership, hence it is not entitled to constitutional guarantees, and that the hall in which the meeting was to take place was unsafe and has been a "fire hazard" since 1933.

Attorney Hiram Eisenbein, representing the Hudson County Communist Party, called the "fire hazard" argument a subterfuge, citing the fact that the Party had asked for permission to meet in other halls and had been refused. At this point the Vice Chancellor asked the police attorney point-blank if this was true, and he admitted that the city authorities "did not want, under any circumstance, to allow Communist Party meetings."

The banned meeting which brought the issue to a head was to be a lecture and a cultural discussion on Russian affairs, Eisenbein pointed out. He concluded with argument that freedom of peaceful assembly is being denied. The court permitted Abraham Isserman of Newark, representing the American Civil Liberties Union, and A. H. Bissell of Montclair, of the New Jersey Civil Liberties Committee, to present arguments on the issue of peaceful assembly.

The Communist Party of Hudson County has been calling on all workers and lovers of liberty to continue sending protests to city officials.

Joseph R. Brodsky, counsel for the Communist Party of the United States, will prepare affidavits proving that the Communist Party does not advocate force and violence, and setting forth the authentic position of the Party on these matters.

Minnesota White Collar Groups Map Fight Against WPA Layoffs

Threats of Cuts Starting January 1 Spurs United Action

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 7.—Minnesota cultural project workers, artists, writers, teachers will face the various relief set-ups after today with a Cultural Project Workers Joint Council. This move to protect the cultural projects of the WPA from threatened cuts and layoffs was made at a meeting this morning at the Labor College in St. Paul, at which delegates from the M.E.T.A., the Writers Union, the Artists Union and the Theatre Union discussed plans to forestall the threatened action.

What these plans were was not disclosed. Committee members did say that Administrator Christgau had definitely stated to the Workers Alliance that the cultural projects would be cut the first of the year and, they said, joint action has become a necessity if these projects are to be protected.

Committee members pointed out that while professional workers were the last to receive government aid in the emergency, they are now the first to be laid off all over the country, even though there is little opportunity to get work at their professions in the business revival.

PENNSYLVANIA RELIEF SIT-IN WINS DEMANDS

Workers Alliance Gets Action After Long Runaround

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 7.—Disgusted with a long runaround, 60 workers under the leadership of the Workers Alliance of Dauphin County laid siege to the Dauphin County Relief Board office last Friday, forcing capitulation by midnight.

For the past three months, committees of the Dauphin County Workers Alliance have protested at the unreasonable length of time it took to investigate cases, red tape in getting relief, and the forcing of the Steelton workers to walk four miles to the office. Promises to investigate were not fulfilled.

This time the committee went in as usual but when promised investigation decided to remain until relief was granted. The committee called for reinforcements, in a short time 25 arrived, took chairs and called for a siege. By 11:30 P.M. the group had increased to 62. Finally a delegation of five from the Edgemont local arrived with the news that the Edgemont workers were on their way.

The news that reinforcements were on their way and the determination of the workers present convinced Mr. Wilcox that he must grant the workers' demands.

Demands won were: Increases for and settlement of nearly all cases presented, and opening of a relief station in Steelton two days a week.

Alliance Leads Fight Against Dismissal of 19,000 Farmers

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 7.—Delegates from all sections of Minnesota will participate in a convention of the Workers Alliance to be held in St. Paul Dec. 12-13. Groups such as the Citizens Protective Union, the Federal Workers Section of General Drivers Union 544 and the Minnesota Labor Association will be represented.

The convention is expected to voice a strong protest against the recent cutting of 19,000 Minnesota farmers from the relief rolls. Delegates will describe deplorable conditions of drought-stricken farmers and families so impoverished that they must send hungry children to school without proper clothing and shoes to withstand the bitter Minnesota winter.

Harold Bean, leader of the Alliance said that the convention will also discuss the paupers' oath, which is meeting widespread hostility on the part of unemployed workers and farmers. He said a demand would be presented that the recertification of WPA workers must stop.

Oil Barons in Court Under Sherman Act

118 Charged with Price Raising and Fixing in Midwest

(By United Press)

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 7.—Presidents and attorneys for a score of the nation's largest oil companies reported in Federal Court today to answer indictments charging violations of the Sherman anti-trust law.

It was the first general court appearance of the 118 defendants listed in a special grand jury's two indictments charging conspiracy in restraint of trade.

The first indictment charged conspiracy to raise and fix the price of gasoline sold in ten Midwestern states. It named 25 major oil companies and their subsidiaries, 70 individual executives, three publishing concerns, and two publishing company executives.

The second indictment, naming two more companies, two more subsidiaries, and 14 more individuals, charged the defendants made uniform agreements to restrict gasoline jobber margins, maintain uniform jobber contracts and adopt uniform policies in dealing with jobbers.

World's Biggest Bomber Crashes in Test Flight

SEATTLE, Dec. 7 (UP).—A new Boeing bomber, first of a fleet of 13 built for the U. S. Army, crashed today in landing after a test flight.

Damage to the craft, largest bomber ever built in the world and the largest land plane, was estimated at $10,000. It nosed over.

Leather Strike Looms; Union to Vote on Pay Rise

SALEM, Mass., Dec. 7.—A strike of 10,000 leather workers looms. The present agreement between the National Leather Workers Union and the Leather Manufacturers Association expires Dec. 31. A series of conferences have failed. The union is demanding a 20 per cent wage raise and a closed shop. The manufacturers have offered 50 per cent increase.

The union will vote on a compromise proposal of 15 per cent increase for week workers and 10 per cent for piece rates.

In Memoriam

PERFUMO, HUGO—Branch 2, Communist Party, 6th A.D. Bronx County, extends its deepest sympathy to Comrades Margherita and Joseph Perfumo on the death of their son Hugo, 9 years old, a member of the Young Pioneers.

Trade Union DIRECTORY

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Jobbers' Tricks to Dodge New Dress Pact Bared in Analysis

By BEN GERJOY

When the present dress agreement was signed about eight months ago, the more advanced elements in the International Ladies Garment Union, including the Left Wingers, greeted it as a big step forward for the dressmakers. Experience has proved this estimate to be correct. Even the most skeptical member of the dress union must admit that the union is today a great deal stronger than it was last February.

The system of settling prices directly with the jobber has greatly improved the earnings of the dressmakers. The union membership is united in the opinion that the new price-settlement system has completely vindicated itself. Approximately 2,000 contractors have been eliminated as the bargaining agents for the jobbers. With the jobbers held directly responsible for the earnings in the contracting shops, there is at last some hope of at least partially stabilizing the dress industry, guaranteeing an annual wage to the workers.

JOBBERS' TRICKERY

The jobbers, quite naturally, are not pleased with the new situation created by the present price-settlement system. They long for the days when it was possible for them to play contractor against contractor and the workers from one contracting shop against the workers of another contracting shop. So, having signed on the dotted line, they invent innumerable tricks how to cheat the union and the workers.

Adding work to garments after they are settled is a widely used scheme. In this scheme the jobbers were helped at first by the slowness in delivering descriptions of the settled garments to the workers in the contracting shops. This method of cheating has been partly checked by action taken by the union against a few notorious jobbers.

Some jobbers use the trick of settling only some garments and then send unsettled garments to non-union shops, especially to out-of-town shops. Other jobbers have the habit of bringing for settlements simple garments and attaching the style numbers of these garments to unsettled garments with more labor on them. There is even a rumor that a group of jobbers are gathering a million dollar fund for a fight to break down the new system of price settlements.

LIMITATION OF CONTRACTORS

After a long delay the machinery for controlling the influx of new contractors into the industry has been set up. The department for controlling the equal division of work between all shops working for one jobber is also functioning. The union can record progress in the objective to limit the number of contractors that a jobber may employ. Since the present agreement came into effect the number of contractors in the industry has fallen considerably. By preventing the jobbers from taking on contractors at will, an important weapon has been taken away from him with which he has been able to force down wage earnings.

Summarizing what has been said above, the situation in the dress trade is characterized by: 1.) The earnings in the majority of dress shops have improved; 2.) The union has increased its control over the jobbers, making them directly responsible for conditions in their contracting shops; 3.) The general position of the union has been strengthened.

DISSATISFACTION AMONG DRESSMAKERS

The above summary is correct. It would follow logically that the membership of the union is satisfied with the union policies and give them their full-hearted support.

Reality paints a different picture. There is a deep dissatisfaction among the members. Only recently it expressed itself at a general membership meeting of Local 22. It showed itself in Local 89, when such a corrupt individual as Providenti, manager of the Italian pressers branch, whom Antonini was compelled to remove as an officer, succeeded in mobilizing a strong movement and forcing his reinstatement.

The situations in Locals 10 and 60 are not much different. The head officers of the Joint Board and the dress locals prefer to keep their eyes shut to the rising dissatisfaction among the dressmakers. At an Executive Board meeting of Local 22, a fairly good discussion took place on the causes of the existing dissatisfaction. But the discussion was not followed by concrete action to remove the causes.

WHERE TROUBLE LIES

There is a general upsurge in the labor and trade union movement of the country. There are continuous militant strike struggles throughout the country for improved conditions. The workers demand a "new deal" in their pay envelopes, not merely in promises. They are ready to fight for this kind of "new deal," and they demand from their union representatives to give them leadership.

They demand greater militancy in trade union policy and more advanced forms of trade union organization. They expect greater loyalty and improved service from their trade union officers, and they demand a greater share of the responsibility and direction of the daily affairs of their trade unions.

The leaders of the dress union, while supporting the rising progressivism in the trade union movement, are falling completely short in their own union. The same narrow group of officers is in charge of the main departments of the Joint Board. The same outworn policies are used in dealing with the employers. The same bureaucratic approach to the mass of members in the shops remains. The same clumsiness in attending to the workers' complaints continues. The same executive inefficiency, and the same disregard of the democratic rights of the members exist. The manager and assistant manager of the Joint Board, the highest offices in the union, are appointed officers. In Local 89, the paid officers are appointed, directly violating the constitution of the International.

WEAKNESSES NOT ERADICATED

The long list of promises made by our officers could fill pages. But, although some weaknesses have been partly overcome, we regret to say that substantially the mistakes are continued and the weaknesses have been allowed to remain, threatening our new gains and causing tremendous irritation in the ranks.

What are these mistakes and shortcomings? To begin with, the Joint Board lacked foresight in preparing the machinery for the new settlement system. A sufficient number of union adjusters was not prepared. Some of those given this important task lacked the necessary qualifications and training. An emergency situation was created at the very beginning. The business agents were taken off the districts and rushed to the rescue. Also, a big number of temporary adjusters were gotten together in a hurry and sent out with practically no instructions to "do their best."

The result—confusion in the price settlements, while the routine shop complaints piled up without receiving attention. Has this early mistake been corrected? Not by far. Temporary adjusters are still coming and going, depending upon how busy the various settlement departments are. Although two seasons have already passed since the new system has been introduced, the Joint Board so far has failed to bring forward a workable plan whereby the dressmakers could obtain the full measure of their rights under the present agreement.

This can be solved only in one way. The business agents should be given smaller districts, all contracting shops of one jobber should be taken care of by the same business agent, and this business agent should be responsible for the price settlements of this jobber. This plan would of course create the problem of more business agents and means of financing them. However, this seems to be the only logical plan.

LACK OF POLICY AND METHOD

As soon as the new system went into effect two outstanding weaknesses at once appeared: the role of the impartial chairman and the need for a guide to settle prices—a schedule. Price disputes between the workers' committees and the manufacturers were especially numerous at the beginning. An impartial chairman was usually called in who took complete charge and gave price decisions to his own liking without considering the opinion of the workers' committee.

Peculiarly, in the majority of cases his decisions were to the disadvantage of the workers. It resulted in coining of a new popular nickname for the impartial adjuster—"the butcher." It is true that the wings of the impartial chairman have been considerably clipped. The system of reviewing garments has been established. Nevertheless, this problem has not been solved, and we still hear of many complaints by dressmakers of the strange "impartiality" of the impartial chairman.

The union attempted to work out a schedule to serve as a guide in settling prices. The jobbers resist a schedule, and refuse to come to an understanding with the union.

At the same time the impartial chairman uses a schedule worked out by himself. The dressmakers had no say on this schedule. The workers' committees and union adjusters are often confronted with this schedule, and they are helpless. Has the Joint Board worked out one uniform policy to be followed by all adjusters in settling prices? Have the workers' committees been gotten together and given a policy? No. Every committee shifts for itself, and every adjuster creates his own policy. The Local 89 adjusters create their own policy in their own fashion. **The sad fact is that the union has no policy.**

The main trouble lies in the exorbitant power given the impartial chairman. This power he still holds. The sooner it is taken away and the right of collective bargaining returned to the workers, the healthier will it be for the dressmakers and the union.

THE GUARANTEED MINIMUM

At a recent shop chairmen's meeting, Manager Hochman admitted that the minimum complaints have been neglected. There is no doubt that the new price settlement system has considerably reduced the number of minimum complaints. At the same time, with the new tricks constantly invented by the jobbers, some of which have been pointed out above, it is natural that there would be many cases of workers not earning the minimum. What is more, the strict enforcement of the minimum is the final barrier against the employer's efforts to avoid their responsibilities. It was therefore more than simply a mistake in neglecting this matter.

But can we say that matters have much improved? We cannot. Many genuine minimum cases are never brought to the attention of the union, firstly, because of the workers' previous experiences in not getting satisfaction; secondly, because of lack of a simple system for checking the earnings, especially in slack periods when there is not a full week's work. But, in this question also, the main trouble is that minimum complaints have been shifted to the impartial chairman. The right of the workers to earn the minimum cannot and must not be arbitrated.

The weaknesses pointed out so far, together with the general inefficiency in the various offices, the lack of coordination between one Joint Board department and another, and the goodly number of officers who are not sufficiently competent for their jobs, are reflected in poor attention to the dressmakers' daily problems, and are the main causes for the dissatisfaction among the membership and the existing gap between the officers and the rank and file.

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INTERVENTION BAR DRAFTED

Full Committee to Get Plan at Meeting in London Today

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Over the loud protests of Germany, Italy and Portugal, a sub-committee of the London Committee on Non-Intervention in Spain today approved a plan to prevent further influx of volunteers into Spain.

An attempt to prevent demonstrations of sympathy for the Spanish people, fighting for its democratic freedom, was smuggled into the proposal, to be presented to the full committee tomorrow.

Committee members were asked if they agreed to extend the non-intervention agreement to include "indirect propaganda," that is, financial assistance and friendly propaganda.

LABOR BOARD SETS STEEL TRUST HEARING

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no provision appears in it for collective meetings; (2) there is no provision for employe votes on important problems such as wage agreements; (3) all expenses of the plan are borne by the company; (4) newly hired employes automatically become members of the plan.

It was further alleged that the steel corporations did not advise employes of the existence in their plants of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, official American Federation of Labor union in the industry, which is now under A. F. of L. suspension for affiliation with the CIO.

FOLLOWS SURVEY

In order to make its case more persuasive legally, the Board entered into a detailed description of the interstate character of U. S. Steel activities. It was pointed out that Carnegie-Illinois treats its employer-employe relationship as interstate in character by the administration of a Pittsburgh district general council which has employe delegates from both Pennsylvania and Ohio.

The complaint follows closely upon a Board study of the steel industry which advocated the theory of governmental intervention in the hot mills in order to safeguard the workers from the extensive spy system said to exist in steel.

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chasing little kids through traffic, running them down and arresting them as "offenders."

Against what and whom had they offended?

"Jockeys," some were, who jump on the running boards of autos, to get a tip for opening the door when the cars stop at theatre fronts. Such tips are the monopoly of "door men," who must divvy with the concessionaire who places them at the theatre.

"Car watchers," others, whose nightly "take" cuts into the income of regular parking places and garages. Incidentally, though the capitalist papers don't tell you of it, this car watching is bossed by a few rings that take away from a kid all of what he gets, hiring thugs to run away "outsiders," and "spotters" to make a kid turn in all tips, out of which he gets only a small wage.

But, it's all "business," not consideration for children as such, that motivated this "kid hunt." Even those who collected dimes for doing a song and dance on the street were "chiselers" on the theatres. Business, not the welfare of the child, rules. Sardonically enough, this round-up of child workers might be "unconstitutional" if the Nine Old Men in Washington were to pass on it.

Parents of "chronic offenders" are to be prosecuted for "neglect." This at a time when capitalist society neglects both parent and child and can assure food, clothing and shelter to neither. The kids who are "chronics" are to be given "tender care" by jails and institutions such as the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, which has all the warm-heartedness of an electric refrigerator.

The Indians in the day of Pocahontas were more kind to their children than are the present tribe of capitalists who rule Manhattan.

Jobs at union wages for parents, and the benefits of the American Youth Act for the children, are the only effective ways to wipe out this sort of "offenses," not by, but against, the children.

Agree to Conference On Pittsburgh Glass Company Walkout

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 7 (UP).—A conference of management and union representatives will be held tomorrow in an attempt to settle the strike of 7,000 Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. employes, federal and state labor conciliators announced today.

It was the first time since the strike began seven weeks ago that both sides have agreed to a conference.

Bar War Toys

Mormon Church Calls For Boycott to Teach Kids Peace

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 7.—The Mormon church and affiliated relief societies today urged members to boycott purchases of toys and games of a military nature.

"We want to teach our children that war is not a game," Mrs. E. M. Empey, an official of a relief society, said, "and we hope that peace-loving Americans everywhere will take up this movement."

An official communication from the central offices of the church said that "it is inconsistent during this time when we pay honor to the pronouncement of 'Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men,' to have our children become imbued with warlike thoughts from their toys.

"Show windows are full of tanks, pistols, soldiers, machineguns, cannon. They are for sale. But if parents refuse to buy them, perhaps they will disappear in the future.

"During this time when the world hears nothing but war, war, war, a peaceful attitude must be taken, even with respect to children's toys."

It was recalled that in 1932 a memorial was presented to the League of Nations, asking that manufacture of military toys be prohibited. The question was killed in committee.

200 STAY-IN TO PROTEST WPA FIRINGS

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that he rescind the scheduled dismissal of 992 of the 5,052 workers in the New York treatre projects. Barber said he was helpless in the situation.

Give the Bankers Relief—We Want Jobs!" and "To Hell with the Chamber of Commerce!" were among the inscriptions on placards carried by the pickets. Voices both downstairs and on the second floor, where the "sit-down" strikers were closeted, chanted:

"We want our jobs!" "We protest pink slips!"

It was only after Barber told John Ramasso, spokesman for the delegation of twelve, that he could do nothing about the layoffs, that the "stay-in" strike actually went into effect. The workers gathered on the second floor and began their chant. Outside the picket line swung into action.

BAR FOOD TO STRIKERS

Charles G. Smith, in charge of t heWPA guards, thereupon had his men push all the desks to one side. He told the strikers they could stay as long as they wished and instructed the guards to remain on one side of the railing and the workers on the other. No food could be brought to the strikers and any person leaving the building would not be permitted to return, Smith ruled.

George Hexter, a project official, warned the strikers that they would be fired for their action, but brought no noticable reaction from the workers. Hexter's threat was later confirmed by Elmer E. Englehorn, business manager of the four Federal arts projects.

"All of these people will be dismissed tomorrow," Englehorn told reporters.

Newspapermen who made their way to the second floor to interview the strikers were told that their press cards would not re-admit the mto the building once they had left. Several reporters elected to remain with the strikers, including a Daily Worker correspondent.

Food early became a problem with the strikers and a duel of wits between them and the guards began. Twenty of the guards, commander by "Sergeant" Samuel Fisher were deployed about the building to prevent strike pickets from passing food to the strikers in the building. Once, when food and cigarettes were attached to a strand of wool let down by a girl striker on the second floor, it was knocked off by a guard.

With the food situation well in hand and under the belt, the strikers amused themselves with singing, dancing and impromptu entertainment. Opening the festivities with the "Star-Spangled Banner," the strikers espied guard leader Smith with his hat on.

"Take that hat off!" roared one of the strikers. "Don't you know the national anthem when you hear it?" The striker removed the guard chieftain's chapeau.

The pickets outside were augmented at night when a meeting of the City Projects Council at Stuyvesant High School, 15th Street and First Avenue, adjourned to reinforce the strike parading outside.

Earlier in the day WPA workers were cheered by an announcement of Mayor LaGuardia that Washington would desist temporarily in its layoffs program.

A long-distance telephone call from national WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins to the Mayor was the first sign that the WPA workers were beginning to crack Washington. "Status quom" was to remain, Hopkins said, according to LaGuardia. No layoffs were to be pushed through until after the Mayor confers with him, Hopkins was quoted by LaGuardia.

Meanwhile officers of the Workers Alliance were in conference with executives of the City Projects Council.

Officers of two organizations of the unemployed, the Workers Alliance of America, held a conference here and decided on a "Pink Slip Pilgrimage" to Washington on Jan. 9, when the next session of Congress will be on. Dismissed WPA workers and their families will be urged to mass in Washington and place their demands before the legislators.

TO FETE NEGRO SOCIAL WORKER

Thyra Edwards, Negro Congress Leader, to Speak at Banquet

(Daily Worker Harlem Bureau)

Thyra J. Edwards, prominent Negro social worker who returns this week from a trip to the Soviet Union and other European countries, will be the principal speaker at a banquet in her honor Dec. 15, in Harlem.

The event has been arranged by the Greater New York Federation of the National Negro Congress in the Little Theatre auditorium of the Y.M.C.A., 180 West 135th Street. Miss Edwards is national chairman of the women's division of the Congress.

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Other speakers at the banquet include: Lester Granger, National Urban League; Frank R. Crosswaith, Negro labor leader; and T. T. Patterson of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Mrs. Elise McDougald Ayer, the city's only Negro public school principal, will act as chairman.

Miss Edwards, a well known Chicago social worker, is returning from a six month's study of social conditions in Europe and will speak of her experiences. She made an extensive tour of the Soviet Union, examining the conditions of freedom and equality under which all minority groups and races live in that country.

Among the leading Negro patrons of the banquet are: Mr. and Mrs. James H. Baker, Jr.; Ashley L. Totten; Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton; Roy Wilkins; Thomas Young; Ben Davis, Jr.; B. F. McLaurin; Lodie Biggs; Alma Vessells; Louise Thompson; Dr. Lawrence M. Ervin; Mr. and Mrs. A. Phillip Randoph and others.

Reservations in advance for the event can be made at 36 West 135th Street, TIlinghast 5-1843, care of B. F. McLaurin. A group of Negro work songs rendered by Actor-Singers of the Federal Negro Theatre project will also feature the program.

SHORTAGE IS RUSE TO CUT WPA JOBS

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suggested that the drawback to the plan might be the fact that WPA had definite contract commitments for materials up through Jan. 20 and the money might be tied up.

An official of the Treasury Department, however, declared that this presented no real problem. WPA might have such commitments, but if WPA felt that it could depend on Congress granting a new appropriation before the contracts would fall due it could take the money it had set aside and use it for whatever purpose it wished.

OTHER FUNDS AT HAND

It was also pointed out that on Nov. 20 there was the huge sum of $87,000,000 left over from the relief appropriations of '35 and '36 and still unallocated. Treasury officials would not commit themselves, however, on how much of this sum would be available to precent the dismissals, claiming that perhaps WPA was already counting on using all or part of it even for the reduced program.

The plan, as proposed by the mayors, would not take care of the quarter of a million drought victims—included in the 425,000 to be dropped Dec. 15. But it could by carrying the plan to its logical conclusion. Instead of stretching the funds until Jan. 20, as WPA proposes, or until Jan. 15, as the mayors propose—stretch them until only Jan. 10, or even a day or two earlier.

This would give Congress ample time, after convening on Jan. 5, to organize itself and pass the necessary appropriation.

50 PER CENT CUT

Meanwhile, it was also learned, that in the event the drought sufferers are transferred to Rural Resettlement on Dec. 15—as the plans call for—there is sufficient money there to care for all of them at full WPA wages until Congress meets—although Resettlement has no such intention. Resettlement plans to take care of only from 60,000 to 100,000 with monthly grants of from $18 to $20—a 50 per cent cut from the WPA rate.

It all boils down to what David Lasser, Workers' Alliance president, told Aubrey Williams on Saturday: "If the government didn't intend to cut WPA permanently, the administration would spend its time looking for the necessary funds instead of looking for people to drop from WPA."

The administration can find the money if it wants to. It's up to them to figure out how. It's up to the unemployed—and employed, too—to make the administration want to do that figuring.

To Continue WPA Siege Until Xmas

PLEASANTVILLE, N. J., Dec. 7.—Between 50 and 85 women laid off the WPA sewing projects here prepared the city hall for Christmas yesterday. They have occupied the council chamber since the projects closed a week ago. They said today they expected to spend the holidays there.

Plans were made to continue picketing in front of protected "numbers games" headquarters and in front of the mayor's home. The gambling dens which were picketed yesterday are now padlocked by the police.

About 30 of the women's children visited them yesterday and romped over the floor and benches on which the women sleep at night.

Support the Seamen

Resolution and Statement of the Central Committee, Communist Party

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fink book bill, the administration is helping the ship owners to perpetuate fink rule. The Copeland Bill and the Ship Subsidy Act are blows against the democratic rights of all labor, and the seamen deserve the full support of all progressive forces to prevent the enforcement of these laws to defeat the strike and to secure the repeal of the anti-labor sections of these acts.

The striking marine workers can and will win. But they need the widest support from organized labor and from the public generally. The ship owners are counting on starvation as a weapon to drive the strikers back to work at fink conditions. The solidarity of the trade union movement with the strikers can and must prevent this from taking place. On the Pacific Coast the trade unions have given a splendid example of working class solidarity. The example of the Pacific Coast unions should be followed in every Atlantic and Gulf port, in every trade union, in every central labor body, and in every working class and progressive mass organization.

RESOLUTIONS supporting the strike should be passed immediately. Resolutions should be passed demanding that the government withhold subsidies from the ship owners until they settle with the strikers.

A victory for the marine workers will be a victory for the entire working people. It would give greater impetus to the organizing drive in steel and the other basic industries. A successful marine strike would be a wedge which would smash past the barriers of low wages and bad working conditions. **It would be a victory for all progressive and democratic forces and a smashing blow against Wall Street and all reactionaries.**

The Communist Party fully endorses the strike of the marine workers. It pledges to support the strikers with all the resources it can muster. We call on all trade unions and every progressive organization to join with us in giving every material and moral support to the strikers.

THERE is an urgent need at the moment for food and money. We call on the trade unions in every Gulf, East Coast and West Coast port to call conferences in support of the strike and to work out programs for organized support and aid which will help the maritime workers defeat the ship owners.

Prevent the recruitment and transportation of strikebreakers, particularly in the cities on the Great Lakes.

Protest the use of terror against the strikers, or any attempt to restrict their right to picket.

Workers, trade unionists, progressives! Support your striking marine brothers. Demonstrate your unity and solidarity with the maritime workers. Their fight is your fight. Their victory will be your victory.

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman,
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HERNDON ON WESTERN TOUR

Negro Leader to Speak For Scottsboro Boys in Denver Dec. 15

Touring the nation in defense of the Scottsboro boys and himself, Angelo Herndon, young Negro leader, will speak in eight western cities between the 13th and 29th of December, the International Labor Defense announced yesterday.

Herndon's itinerary includes: Denver, Dec. 15; Oklahoma City, Dec. 17; Topeka, Kan., Dec. 20; St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 21; Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 23; Cincinnati, Dec. 28; Columbus, Dec. 29.

The young Negro Communist is now on a speaking tour in Southern California. He is free on bail raised by the International Labor Defense, which is in charge of his case.

Early in 1933 Herndon was sentenced to 18-20 years on the Georgia chain-gang for "attempting to incite insurrection" under an old pre-Civil War statute. At the time he was organizing unemployed Negro and white workers in Atlanta, Ga.

FASCISTS MARK STAND ON KING ON ROAD SIGN

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farm measures generally have been inadequate.

William Gallacher, Communist, raised the issue of the real meaning of the Simpson affair when Baldwin appeared in the House of Commons to read the report of the cabinet meeting. Gallacher asked:

"Is it not the case that this crisis expresses a deeper crisis in the economic system?"

Baldwin ignored the question, as he did that of Frederick Bellenger, Laborite, who asked:

PARLEY WITH BALDWIN

"In view of the serious dislocation to industry and trade in this country, will Mr. Baldwin endeavor to obtain an early reply from the King?"

The cabinet said it would not introduce legislation permitting a morganatic marriage whereby the King could marry Mrs. Simpson without making her queen. In Cannes, Mrs. Simpson told the press that she is ready to give up Edward to save the throne.

Walter T. Monckton, the King's legal adviser, again conferred with Baldwin and with Sir Walter Peacock, receiver general of the Duchy of Cornwall, from which the King, when he was Prince of Wales, received an annual income of $250,000. It was believed these conferences related to financial details preparatory to abdication.

Chinese Troops Take Positions in Occupied Areas

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8. — Chinese troops took up positions in strategic parts of Tsingtao, in Shantung Province, today, as invading Japanese bluejackets entered the city intent on breaking a strike of 36,000 Chinese workers in Japanese controlled mills.

Commanders of the Japanese sailors and marines presented Taingao city officials with four formal demands, which Mayor Shen Hung-lieh emphatically rejected.

The demands were: 1. Cooperation of naval authorities for the duration of the strike; 2. Engagement of Japanese advisors in government bureaus; 3. Recognition of the South Manchuria railroad offices for the economic exploitation of North China, and 4. Dissolution of the Tsingtao Kuomintang.

Japanese bluejackets sent ashore from ten warships retreated from the city when 3,000 Shantung troops arrived. Chinese military officials put the city under martial law.

3,000 Shipyard Workers on Strike

British Seamen's Union Leader Brands Grange a Liar—Denies Havelock Wilson Gave Him Money, But Cites Pleas for Loans

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gle to oust David E. Grange, head of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union, from their ranks for strike-breaking and corruption took a startling turn yesterday.

Grange, several weeks ago, told newspaper reporters in an interview, that his son had been "left $500,000 from the late Havelock Wilson," leader of the British seamen's union. He used this fairy tale in an attempt to explain his posession of a luxurious estate and constant funds for high living.

BRANDS GRANGE A LIAR

Grange's weird story was intended by him to ward off accusation by his union membership that he has been stealing union funds and accepting shippers bribes.

An account of Grange's tale to the newspapers was sent to officials of the British seamen's union by J. Dobbyn, their New York representative. A reply from W. R. Spence, General Secretary of the British National Union of Seamen yesterday branded Grange as an "unmitigated liar." The letter, in full, read:

Raises Won In Shipyard

QUINCY, Mass., Dec. 7.—Strenuous demands by the Fore River shipyard workers have finally forced Bethlehem Steel to extend their 5 per cent raise to this area.

Bethlehem managers did not intend to. Out of solidarity with other shipyard owners, they spoke only of a "readjustment," but not a "raise" even after the men in the yard had compelled action. But the raise was granted.

In announcing the "readjustment" Bethlehem admitted for the first time that only 600 out of 3,800 men in the yard are getting 85 cents an hour or more, whereas 2,734 men are getting 79 cents or less.

This is striking contrast to the well-organized shipyard at Camden, where more than half the men are drawing more than 87 cents an hour.

British Union's Letter

Mr. Dobbyn,
Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 17th inst., and you probably received my telegram asking for newspaper cuttings, etc., re Grange.

The London correspondent of the United Press service has been here making inquiries and we gave him our denials to Grange's story. Possibly you have seen them in the New York press, and if so, please send cuttings.

The whole matter seems rather curious in view of a cablegram received from Grange as follows:

WESTERN UNION CABLEGRAM
CX32 New York 109/1/48 18/102P
LC John B. Wilson, National Union of Seamen
Westminster Bridge Road, Ldn.
"Story south trust funds created by your father was concocted by some Communist British seamen in conjunction with a nawspaper reporter here. I am in no way responsible for story. It was just as much a surprise to me as I imagine it is to you. I am really at a loss as to why such a story was put out. It is being used as a means of attacking me personally in this present fight to save the International Seamen's Union from the control of Communists. Will send further details by letter."

DAVID E. GRANGE.

Grange Out of Job

Grange was over in England I believe in 1927-28. I believe his organization was in very low water and the late Havelock Wilson secured him a temporary job in this country with the Industrial Peace Union, who paid Grange as an organizer.

He received no monies whatever from the National Union of Seamen. In December 1931, the Marine Cooks and Stewards of the Atlantic and ulf obtained a loan of $5,000 from the ational Union of Seamen, not a penny of which has been repaid to this day. I believe a man named Cartledge was secretary of their organization at the time of the loan.

There is as much truth in the story of Grange having dined with the late King George the Fifth and the Queen as there is in my being President of the United tates of America. I believe Grange and the late Paddy Flynn did accompany the late Havelock Wilson to a garden party at Buckingham Palace, but that was their nearest approach to Royalty. The trust fund story is really too rich. Havelock Wilson, at his death, left the huge sum of approximately $2,000.

Grange Asked Loans

Since my becoming general secretary of the union, Grange has written on more than one occasion soliciting loans on behalf of his organization, to which requests he received a very emphatic "NO." I would not let Grange's mouthings disturb you.

"It certainly is annoying, but I think the information we have given the United States Press Service here, if printed in New York, will soon discount Grange as an unmitigated liar.

"Your faithfully,
"W. R. SPENCE,
'General Secretary."

Federal authorities lined up with shipping interests here yesterday when Immigration officers held H. J. Randall on charges of being an alien in the country illegally. A check up by strike leaders revealed that Randall's papers were in order and that he has received legal entry papers, as well as his first papers for citizenship. Attorneys of the International Labor Defense last night took charge of the case.

Jersey Truck Drivers Vote For Strike

Meanwhile 3 Officers Are Indicted After Delay of Year

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 2.—Waiting for one year to investigate charges made by union members that their officials were misappropriating union funds, three officers and one former officer of the Merchandise Drivers Union, Local 641, were indicted today for "conspiracy to cheat and defraud" the union, on the very day that a strike call was to be issued.

The charges, hanging fire for the past year, were suddenly utilized when union members had finally forced a strike vote to increase wages to New York City standards.

The local went into receivership in February, when union members charged that funds had been mismanaged and no opposition to the administration permitted.

In June, the four, James Walsh, president, Joseph Markle, secretary-treasurer, John Hines, business agent, and Walter Gibney, recording secretary, were under fire for misappropriation and embezzlement of union funds, and union members were promised that the four would be prosecuted.

While the case reached the courts, and evidence proving union members charges that the officers had pocketed union dues, the four were still not convicted.

The receivership announced an election, which was won by the discredited officials with the help of a wide distribution of union books to non-union members.

Rank and file pressure forced the strike vote for a uniform wage scale in the metropolitan area, and the walk-out was scheduled for today.

Though union members have made repeated accusations that more than one hundred thousand dollars were taken by these men, the indictment is based on their failure to report $15,300 received from the International Union, Jan. 1, 1933, for strike benefits.

State Committee Praises Attendance At Demonstration

The New York State Committee of the Communist Party wishes to express its appreciation to the comrades of the Party and the Young Communist League, who turned out in such large numbers and in such militant ranks, in the demonstration at the German Consulate on Saturday, Nov. 28. In spite of the extremely bad weather and bitter cold, the comrades showed splendid determination.

Certain comrades, however, who were pledged to be at the demonstration, did not appear. The State Committee has decided upon a check-up and this should be carried through at the Unit and Branch meetings tonight. This is the first time that we have organized a demonstration in this manner. The next time, we will organize it in a more efficient manner, so that we will be able to account for every comrade.

The war situation is becoming more alarming and our Party must be most alart. Our comrades must be prepared to respond to activities against the danger to peace at a moment's notice. Only in this way, will we prove that we are a real Communist Party and be able to rally the masses in the struggle against war.

New York State Committee,
I. Amter, State Organiser.

NOT TO LOSE RELIEF STATUS

Taxi Drivers' Pay Held Lower Than Other Jobs in State

Taxi drivers who refuse jobs offered on a commission basis will not be forced from relief rolls by the State Employment Service, Industrial Commissioner Elmer F. Andrews said yesterday, charging that the taxicab companies pay less wages for more hours than other employers.

Andrews' statement was occasioned by a statement that there are five thousand cab jobs open for relief clients by Col. Brehon B. Somervell, WPA head. The basis of this policy, as explained by the service is that "it will not be used as an agency for depressing wages and labor standards."

"The large taxicab companies are always on the market for more drivers," Andrews charged, "always on a commission basis. It is exceptional for a minimum weekly guarantee to be offered."

He declared that the average for experienced cab drivers was $12 a week for day operators and $18 for night operators. The average weekly wage for men factory workers was $30.56 a week, and for women was $17.43 a week, Andrews pointed out.

The Taxi Chauffeurs Union charged that the average wage for day workers is $8 to $10 a week and for night workers $12 to $15 a week. If 5,000 more men are added, the union said, the present wages will be cut 10 per cent. since all the men work on a commission basis.

"There is no such thing as wages or hours for cab drivers," union president B. J. Canizarro charged.

YOUTH RALLIES TO SAVE BOYS

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linquency Conference, which will take up the broad phases of the problems exemplified by the cases of the youths now in the death house.

While the conference is being organized, delegations will be sent to interview Mayor LaGuardia and Gov. Lehman. All organizations affiliated with the American Youth Congress are being asked to join the protest movement, rapidly becoming statewide.

A mass delegation, made up of representatives of various organizations, is being organized to go to Albany Dec. 22 when clemency hearings will take place.

The City Council of the American Youth Congress will discuss the question further at its meeting on Thursday. Meanwhile the Public Affairs Committee has been appointed to organize support for the commutation movement.

The committee includes Bernard Lampert of the 92nd St. YMHA; Joseph Adler of the Lavanburg House; Jack Zurosky, Madison House; Arthur Mossins, International Association of Machinists; Arthur Adams, Central Evening Needle Trades School, and Miss Feder.

CONGRESS STATEMENT

Pending issuance of a formal statement on the case, the American Youth Congress yesterday said:

"Through enforced idleness and inability to continue their education, it is not surprising that degradation and despair lead to crime. The New York Council of the American Youth Congress feels that the passage of the American Youth Bill will be a deterrent to crime and that the billions of dollars now spent for crime prevention among youth would be more intelligently used if directed to employment projects and education."

Nine children of poverty-stricken families were haled before Justice Herbert A. O'Brien yesterday following a police "drive" against tots earning a few cents nightly watching cars for theatre patrons at Times Square. One of the arrested children was a nine-year old auburn-haired girl. Two were held and the remainder released on "probation."

BIG PUSH ON MADRID IS OPENED

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ing pictures of Government defenses, as the capital, starting its second month of siege, steeled itself for the "worst attack" yet.

The airplanes, sent out by the Fascist intelligence service, made no attempt to bomb the city, dropping only a few "flares" which military men said were for the purpose of focusing their aerial cameras.

Both sides, which remained quiet on all fronts throughout the night, prepared for a decisive clash which, it was freely predicted in military circles, would come this week.

EXPECT ATTACK

One army officer said, "We expect this week to give us the answer to the siege of Madrid. We constantly await the enemy's German and Italian volunteers."

Snow slowed down the Basque advance from Santander and Bilbao which has taken two Government columns within 25 miles of Burgos, the Rebel "capital," while other Loyalist troops were stalled by bad weather near Miranda, an important bridgehead, on the Ebro river, central point in the Government operations against Vitoria.

Government aviation was able to bomb Villareal and Vitoria twice on Sunday.

From some source, yet undetermined, the word spread about the city to prepare for the "worst attack" yet tomorrow—feast day of the Immaculate Conception and a special saint's day for the old Spanish infantry of the monarchy.

Desperate to Take City Before League Meets

MADRID, Dec. 7.—Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy are reported to have ordered Gen. Francisco Franco, Fascist leader, to make a frantic attempt to take Madrid by Thursday when the League of Nations convenes. This would enable spokesmen for the Fascist nations to "defend" their premature recognition of Franco by arguing that he had captured the political capital of Spain.

American Beaten By Nazi Guard in Prison

VALENCIA, Spain, Dec. 7.—James G. Smith, an American, has just joined the Spanish anti-Fascist militia, after being freed from a Fascist concentration camp in Las Palmas, Canary Island, where he underwent the same kind of torture inflicted on prisoners in Nazi and Italian camps.

Smith, a 32-year-old mechanic and aviator, was employed in an automobile assembly plant at Las Palmas when the Fascist military uprising led to seizure of power in the Canary Islands.

The young American's first act on reaching Valencia was to join the anti-Fascist militia.

Smith told newspapermen:

"Although I have never engaged in political activities, I was accused soon after the military rising of having been a friend of the deposed Governor. I was one of 8,000 prisoners, mostly workers, who were crowded into prison and concentration camps at Las Palmas. The camps were surrounded by electrified barbed wire.

GUARDS GERMANS

"Our guards were mostly German, who beat us with leather whips loaded with lead at the tips. We found as fellow prisoners all the Leftist leaders and officials of the island.

"Through a prisoner who escaped I was able to get word of my plight to the United States Consul, who procured my release and perhaps saved me from death.

"I nearly went insane as a result of the terrible beatings I received. I suffered three days from a hemorrhage. My front teeth were smashed in by a blow intended to knock a gold tooth from my mouth.

Seamen Capture Fascist Ship

BILBAO, Spain, Dec. 7.—Bold action by three anti-Fascist members of the crew of the Rebel trawler, Virgen del Carmen, brought the ship into Government hands today.

The three sailors, on deck with the captain and two engineers, seized the officers, threw them into the hold in irons and lowered the Fascist flag. Then they changed the ship's course and steered her into Bilbao.

The rest of the crew, still sleeping when the boat docked, were caught unawares and forced to surrender by militia.

Antonio Mije Garcia Is Named War Commissar

MADRID, Dec. 7.—Preparing to throw back the "most formidable attack of the war" by Fascist forces besieging Madrid, the Government tonight appointed Antonio Mije Garcia, a Communist, as General Commissar of War.

Mije Garcia replaces Julio Alvarez del Vayo, Left-Wing Socialist, who will devote his complete time to his work as Foreign Minister.

Another Communist, Francisco Anton, was named War Commissar for the Central Front [Madrid], under Mije Garcia's command.

SPIKES "DEMOTION" REPORT

Mije Garcia is a member of the Political Bureau, or top committee, of the Communist Party of Spain, while Anton is a leader of the Madrid District Committee of the Communist Party.

Government Planes Attack Seville

GIBRALTAR, Tuesday, Dec. 8.—Government planes carried on a surprise bombing attack on Seville, Gen. Queipo de Llano, Fascist commander in Seville, admitted in a radio broadcast last night.

DRUKMAN CASE RETRIAL ASKED IN CONSPIRACY

Trio Convicted of Jury Tampering Are Free in Bail Now

The ghost of Samuel Drukman, which casts such a long shadow over Brooklyn politics, yesterday walked again.

This time the wraith of the $60-a-week bookkeeper, slain on March 3, 1935, strode through the halls of Brooklyn Supreme Court where a hearing was being held on a motion for re-trial of three men convicted of a conspiracy to obstruct justice in the Drukman murder case.

Men concerned are: Henry G. Singer, former assistant U. S. attorney; James J. Kleinman, stepfather of William W. Kleinman, former assistant district attorney in Kings County, and Jacob Silverman. They are at liberty on bail.

JURY TAMPERING

The trio were convicted on charges of tampering with the first county grand jury that handled the murder case.

Justice Meier Steinbrink decided to hear arguments on a motion to obtain new trial for three men convicted on the conspiracy charge. The decision was over the vigorous objection of Hiram C. Todd, special prosecutor in the investigation and prosecution of the Drukman case and its aftermath.

Todd contended that Judge Erskine C. Rogers, of Hudson Falls, who was designated to preside over the special term of Supreme Court which tried the Drukman case and the conspiracy case arising from it, was the proper jurist before whom the motion should be placed.

Attorney I. Gainsburgh, appearing for Kleinman and Silverman, contended that "misconduct" of Justice Rogers, Todd and the extraordinary grand jury made it necessary to hold a new trial.

SAYS MEETING ACCIDENTAL

Justice Rogers, Gainsburgh said, had eaten breakfast on the roof garden of the Hotel Towers on the morning of June 27 while the jury was eating. Todd and his chief assistant, Edward G. Lumbard, were also present, Gainsburgh said.

Notes had been received by Justice Rogers from the jury which were never entered in the record, Gainsburgh added. Finally, he concluded, Todd has suppressed evidence tending to reflect on the sanity of the prosecution's star witness.

Explanations by Todd that he had gone to breakfast at the Hotel Towers roof garden for "fresh air" brought sharp questioning from Justice Steinbrink. Todd explained that he had gone there with his assistant after spending the entire night in the courtroom. His meeting with Judge Rogers was entirely accidental, he said.

Justice Steinbrink reserved decision.

No Preference Given To Small Investors In New Treasury Issue

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau today began government financing operations which will raise the public debt to $34,441,000,000. The chief new feature in the present sale of government bonds is that small investors, buying $5,000 or less, will no longer be given a few days head start. The bonds are put out for sale in any quantity, to anybody, and the big banks will get them.

"Small buyers never made use of their privilege," Morgenthau declared. "Others abused it."

Malin Gets 1 Year And $2,000 Fine In White Slave Case

Mrs. Lucille Malin was fined $2,000 and sentenced to a year and a day in prison yesterday on her plea of guilty to transporting women across State lines for immoral purposes.

The widow of Jean Malin, female impersonator, wept when sentenced.

"It's not fair," she cried.

The government said her arrest came about through her association with Mae Scheible, Pittsburgh madame.

PRICE-FIXING IS UPHELD BY HIGH COURT

Retail Price Rise Seen as the Immediate Result of Ruling

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. — The practice of fixing and maintaining re-sale prices—a system which trusts and monopolies have sought to impose on retailers throughout the country—today was given the Supreme Court's stamp of approval.

The far-reaching decision, handed down by a unanimous opinion of the eight sitting justices, upholding the Illinois and California "fair-trade" statutes, may extend eventually to every article purchased by American consumers.

For the present, it is expected to have the immediate effect of wiping out price-cutting in 14 states which have laws similar to the Illinois and California measures, and of bringing about a uniform increase in retail sales price of thousands of branded or trade-marked articles.

To what extent the court's decision may nullify the Federal Trade Commission's drive against unfair competitive practices was not determinable immediately. Hundreds of firms in the country have been cited by the commission precisely for making the type of contracts between wholesalers and retailers which the Supreme Court today condoned.

The court's opinion held that the Illinois act "contained no compulsion" but rather permitted private persons to contract with respect to maintenance of re-sale prices.

The decision will be a boon to many of the large foods products trusts, which have been trying by many subterfuges to impose standard re-sale prices, thus enabling them to charge the retailer more, increasing the profits of both, and taking another slice out of the consumers' pocketbook.

Holding Company Decision Put Off By Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The Supreme Court today delayed decision on the utilities holding company act until the New York test case—that of the Electric Bond and Share Company—is acted on by a Federal District court.

The Court acted in the case of the North American Company, which brought action in the District of Columbia Supreme Court, to force a test which the government does not want at this time. The Supreme Court's decision was to the effect that the lower court could order a stay in the North American trial.

The Bond and Share Case was brought by the government to force observance of the act which requires all holding companies to register with the Securities and Exchange

LIBERALS HEAD NEW POLITICAL GROUP HERE

Committee Headed by Founder of the Fusion Party

A new line-up in city politics in the 1937 municipal elections was yesterday viewed as a possibility in local political circles.

The view of the new alignment came on the heels of announcement of the formation of the Progressive City Committee, an organization of well-known liberals headed by Maurice P. Davidson.

Mr. Davidson, founder of the City Fusion Party four years ago, played a leading role in the election of Mayor LaGuardia. He served as Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity but resigned late last year. His resignation was attributed to his desire to reorganize the Fusion movement.

A.L.P. LINK SEEN

Possibility of a bloc between the Progressive City Committee and the American Labor Party in the forthcoming elections was the question agitating political circles yesterday.

Mr. Davidson, questioned on this point by the Daily Worker, was noncommittal.

"I understand the American Labor Party point of view and I'm very sympathetic," he said. "Our aims and objects are very similar. It's simply a question of method.

"I feel that their attitude is progressive and ought to run parallel with ours."

Despite the prevailing opinion that his committee will support Mayor LaGuardia for re-election, Mr. Davidson has not announced definitely for the Mayor.

"You know how I feel," he said in making public the organization of the new committee. "Mayor LaGuardia has been a splendid mayor. But conditions differ from those of four years ago."

Describing the social outlook of the new group, Mr. Davidson said:

TO ACT ON COUNCIL

"The Progressive City Committee is opposed to reaction, economic, social or political. We want to go forward."

The Committee would not limit itself to support of a candidate for mayor, Mr. Davidson said. It seeks to have progressives elected not only as executives but as councilmen. (A City Council will replace the Board of Aldermen after 1937, according to the new charter approved by a referendum Election Day.

Among the members of the Committee are Bruce Bliven, Stuart Chase, Morris L. Ernst, Ben Golden, Paul U. Kellogg, Dorothy Kenyon, Harold Loeb, Professor Harold Gray, Mary K. Simkhovitch and Samuel D. Smoleff.

A number of the committee members also belong to the American Labor Party.

EMPIRE BARS $100,000 DEAL

That $100,000 deal that a Mr. Joe Teperson was trying to foist on the Empire State Motion Picture Operators Union with the aid of the Springer-Cocalis chain of 25 theatres was quietly killed yesterday morning when the executive board of the union voted to refuse to accept Teperson's "offer."

Teperson, backed by the chain whose contract with the union expires Jan. 30, 1937, had offered to get a new contract for five years for the union, if paid $50,000 for his services. The retainer he submitted required the union to sign away its right to change the dues system or merge with other motion picture operators, and agree to another $50,000 payment if the contract were renewed.

The Daily Worker on Monday had analyzed Teperson's retainer, and warned that it was a disguised "yellow dog" contract which would change the independent union into a company union, and prevent unity of the city motion picture operators.

Meanwhile strike sentiment among Empire members, in answer to the Springer-Cocalis chain's refusal to sign a contract unless Teperson negotiates it, continued to grow yesterday.

Strike committee meetings have been called. One of the prime factors in the strike preparations, however, is the attitude which will be taken by the Motion Picture Operators Union, Local 306, to the proposed strike.

Union members pointed to their stand in September, 1935, when distributors tried to force a 41 per cent wage cut on Local 306 men. At that time, Empire told the employers that they would refuse to supply men for the booths, in support of the Local 306 members.

Both organizations have voted for unity. A previous attempt was stopped by the employers who took out an injunction preventing the proposed merger. Since then, Local 306 has ignored the unity proposals of the Empire and Local 306 members.

Despite these assurances, Local 306 has picketed theatres of the Century Circuit, where Empire men are employed.

The attitude of Local 306 will be a determining factor in the outcome of the proposed strike, Empire members say. If the strike becomes an occasion for cross picketing, or fights between the two unions instead of a united fight against the chain, the chances for raising the wage standards of Empire men to Local 306 standards will be slim, Empire men declare.

As 20,000 Honored Schaeffer

Jacob Schaeffer, noted composer and conductor of the Freiheit Singing Society, as his body was viewed by throngs at the memorial meeting at the Central Opera House on Sunday. Below, part of the crowd of 20,000 which jammed the Opera House and filled the surrounding streets in last tribute to the beloved Jewish working class conductor.

REPORTERS IN FLUSHING BACK TYPO STRIKE

Guildsmen Refuse to Cross Picket Line at North Shore Daily

Only the city editor and news editor of the North Shore Daily Journal of Flushing reported for work yesterday morning as ten other members of the editorial staff in the Newspaper Guild refused to walk through picket lines of striking Typographical Union members.

Eighteen workers in the mechanical department of the newspaper went on strike two weeks ago when a "Big Six" member was fired for union activities. During the strike the Newspaper Guild has protested to Publisher T. Harold Forbes against the "impossible situation" of their members working with scabs.

The Guild Executive Board wrote the publisher and objected to its members being obliged to walk through a "recognized American Federation of Labor picket line to get to work and to turn copy over to strikebreakers employed at high wages for the express purpose of defeating an organizational effort by members of one of the oldest unions in the United States, the International Typographical Union."

The Guild said that "it must refuse to further compromise its principles by walking through picket lines, and that the present conditions cannot continue." Members of the newspaper staff tried to get the publisher to agree to union demands for a closed shop but the publisher refused to meet them.

PEORIA GUILD WINS

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 7.—"Sniping" at Newspaper Guild members on the Peoria Journal-Transcript will stop, since the Guild, backed by the organized workers of Peoria, forced a contract from its owners.

The contract does not deal with wages and hours, but recognizes the Guild and guarantees against discrimination of Guild members. It recognizes the Guild, sets up grievance machinery and provides dismissal wages, on a graduated scale.

The case of Clifford Claus, whose discharge brought the strike against the Peoria paper, will be arbitrated. If the arbitrator finds that Guild activity was the major reason for firing him, he will be reinstated.

12 Jobless Face Sentence Today

Twelve members of a group of 26 arrested Nov. 12 for a demonstration at District 17 Emergency Relief Bureau, 318 East 32nd Street, will appear for sentencing today before Magistrate Overton Harris, in the 455 West 151st Street court.

Included in the group are three organizers of locals of the Workers Alliance. They are Sam Ross, Stuyvesant local; Martin Zuesse, Gramercy local; and Sarah Rice, Yorkville local. Their organizations led the demonstration.

The protest was against the blacklist established in this relief bureau, and included also a demand for winter clothing for those on relief.

As a result, the blacklist was taken down—but the ERB director there is saving about $1,000 by not giving any winter clothing.

Of the 26 arrested, 14 were dismissed because they could not be identified by ERB officials as participants in the demonstration.

International Labor Defense attorneys Alfred Pearson and Louis Fleischer represent the defendants.

Man Dies with Pets

BOSTON, Dec. 7 (UP).—Smoking in bed cost the life of Alfred Martin, 73-year-old Somerville recluse. Fourteen of his pet canaries perished with him.

With the Unions

Globe Mail Service Company Official Admits Using Spies in Struck Office—Fur Floor Boys Sign Agreements

Spies were hired as a "precautionary measure" in the Globe Mail Service strike, the company president, Charles P. Whitehouse, admitted at the Regional Labor Board hearing yesterday. Whitehouse refused pointblank to answer any questions about the bonds employes were forced to buy to keep their jobs, or about the bonuses used to install a speed-up system. The Bookkeepers and Stenographers Union filed charges against the company for refusing to recognize the union and firing three union members. The strike of the 100 office workers is now in its ninth week.

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TWO FLOOR BOYS SIGN

One-fourth of the 40 cutting shops struck by the Fur Floor Boys Union last week have already signed agreements, the union reports. The strike was called for the 44-hour week, union recognition, a sliding scale of wages with a $15 minimum, hiring through the union and vacations with pay. The union charges that the bigger cutting shop employers are attempting to form an association to break the union. The strikers were addressed yesterday by Herman Paul, business agent of the Furriers Joint Council. The union announces its annual dance will be held Dec. 19 at the Young Circle League Ballroom, 22 E. 15th St.

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SOME STRIKES STILL ON

Strikes Still On: Sutton Superior Laundry workers still fighting under the leadership of the Laundry Workers Union, Local 280. . . . Sewing Machinists, Lodge 1426, holding lines solid, waiting for a break in the employers ranks. . . . Textile trimmers, members of the Joint Council of Knitgoods Workers, picketing the Louis Hornick Co. . . . Bronx and Brooklyn beauticians, members of Hairdressers Union, Local 560-B and 913-C, picketing the few shops that have refused to sign union agreements. . . . Cooks and Countermen, Local 225, still fighting the Garfield Caft Cafeteria in Brooklyn.

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DRESSMAKERS CALL MEETING WEDNESDAY

The Dressmakers Left Wing Group of Local 22, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, has called an important membership meeting for Wednesday after work at Webster Hall. A report of the immediate problems of the Group and the dress trade will be given. The meeting will also hold regular election of Group officers.

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PICKET MORE CAFETERIAS

Two more cafeterias of the Consumers Cooperative Service, Inc. of 433 W. 21st St., were picketed yesterday by the Cafeteria Employes Union, Local 302. The strike, now involving three of the chain's ten stores, started when the firm fired union men and refused to recognize the union. Negotiations held Saturday morning fell through, when manager Mary E. Arnold refused to recognize the strikers' demands, charging that the union did not represent the workers. A committee of shareholders have asked that the charges of discrimination and unfair treatment of employees by Miss Arnold be investigated.

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BOOKKEEPERS AND GUILD TO MEET

A joint meeting of the Bookkeepers, Stenographers and Accountants Union and the Book and Magazine Guild will be held tonight to plan an organizing drive in the literary trades offices. Isidor Schneider, writer, will open the meeting and Lewis Merrill, president of the B. S. and A. U. will speak. The meeting will take place at the Manhattan Trades School.

Pullman Windows Dismantled to Admit Injured Passenger

LOWELL, Mass., Dec. 7 (UP).—A Pullman car window was dismantled last night so 180-pound Mrs. Emma Richards, 69, could make the train trip from here to her St. Albans, Vt., home. Mrs. Richards suffered a hip fracture 10 months ago.

Police said it would be too difficult and hazardous to lift Mrs. Richards into the car at the regular entrance because her left leg was in a plaster cast.

So, by arrangement with the Boston & Maine Railroad, a Pullman window was taken apart and Mrs. Richards lifted through on a stretcher by six policemen.

Save 15c

This week for the double size 25th Anniversary Issue of New Masses. It contains a short story, "Good-Bye," from Albert Halper's forthcoming novel, and one from Agnes Smedley's, on the attempted occupation of a Red Village in China. Sixty outstanding contributors, including 30 of your favorite artists. Our best issue in 25 years. 64 pages. Out Thursday. 15c.

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6 Members of the Central Committee

EARL BROWDER, WM. Z. FOSTER, JACK STACHEL, F. BROWN, MOTHER BLOOR, PAT TOOHEY

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SAT., DEC. 12th At 8:30 P.M.

JEFFERSON MANOR BROAD and JEFFERSON STREETS

THOSE RAISING $5.00 ON SUNDAY OR DAILY WORKER DRIVE MATERIAL WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE BANQUET

Got $40,000,000 Rail Empire for $3,121,000

Industrialist Tells Senate Committee How He Got Van Sweringen Holdings at Sale of Securities Held by J. P. Morgan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—George A. Ball, owner of the fruit jar factory at Munice, Indiana, went on the stand today and told how he got $39,500,000 worth of securities of the Van Sweringen Railroad System for $3,121,000.

Ball was the first witness in the Burton K. Wheeler senatorial committee investigation of railroad financing. He and George A. Tomlinson, Cleveland ship owner, are proprietors of Mid-America Corp., which owns the Allegheny Corp., which owns all the Van Sweringen properties and others besides.

Ball admitted that the Van Sweringens arranged for him to purchase the control after they had defaulted on $40,000,000 bonds held by or through J. P. Morgan & Co. Both O. P. and M. J. Van Sweringen, the original proprietors, are now dead.

The Senate committee has conducted a year of investigations under the direction of Max Lowenthal, counsel for the committee. Both Lowenthal and Wheeler participated in the questioning of Ball, the first witness.

In a preliminary statement, Wheeler said that Allegheny Corp. owned, through a complicated mass of subsidiary companies, not only the Van Sweringen railroad properties (22,000 miles of track) but bus, steamship, radio, refrigeration, grain elevator, traction, coal, trucking, orchard, motor equipment and hotel companies.

BALL QUESTIONED

But when they tried to get Ball to admit some of this they ran into trouble. The white mustached capitalist insisted he never heard of some of the companies—he might own them and he might not.

Wheeler pointed to a chart which covered one whole wall of the committee room like a spider web and showed the ramifications of the Van Sweringen companies. "Did you know when you bought these holdings that you acquired such a vast empire?"

"Well," Ball answered, "I knew I was in a lot of things."

"Is there any doubt in your mind that Allegheny Corp. controls the Nickle Plate Railroad?" Lowenthal demanded.

"It owns a little over 49 per cent of the stock," Ball said.

A solid block of 20 per cent of the stock, provided the rest is scattered is usually considered a controlling interest. But Ball wouldn't say so.

The Wheeler committee proposes to submit bills in Congress.

AGE PENSION CLAUSE UPHELD BY U. S. JUDGE

Appeal from District Court's Ruling Is Announced

(By United Press)

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—The old-age benefit provision of the Federal Social Security Act is constitutional, Federal District Judge George C. Sweeney ruled today.

It was the first case in the country to test the constitutionality of the old age benefit clause.

Judge Sweeney, a former assistant U. S. Attorney-General and Roosevelt appointee, announced from the bench that the tax was valid, that congress did not exceed its authority in passing the legislation, that the tax was for the general welfare and that it was constitutional.

Edward F. McLennen, counsel announced that he would appeal to the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals and carry the case to the U. S. Supreme Court if necessary.

Appeal for Funds To Save Anti-Nazi From Deportation

Immediate return to Hitler Germany unless $150 can be raised to pay for his passage to another country, according to an appeal issued here today by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

Werrman, 39 years old, entered the United States legally in 1926. He was arrested in Chicago in September, 1934, after he had participated in a demonstration of the unemployed and held for deportation, charged with membership in the Communist Party. Werrman, an active anti-Nazi, faces persecution if returned to Hitler Germany.

The Committee requests that contributions toward the $150 needed to save the anti-Nazi from a concentration camp and possible death be sent to the Fred Werrmann Defense Fund, Room 1409, 100 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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BROADWAY will have nothing on the Bronx Saturday, December 12th! Because the 5th A. D. Y.C.L. is going to show Broadway, that they have nothing on the Bronx! So—you'd better make a date with your girl friend for Saturday, December 12th at Pel-Park Palace, White Plains Road and Lydig Ave., Bronx (Pelham Parkway Station), before somebody else asks her. "Black and White Orchestra" will keep you dancing to the wee hours o fthe morning—besides the dance contest—two loving cups awarded!

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1936

The Central Committee Plans For the Work Ahead

• For the first time since the national election, the Central Committee of the Communist Party met over the weekend. The 50 members of the committee convened to review the election results and to chart the course ahead.

There was a seriousness and increased vitality in the discussions which reflected the growing influence and more vigorous life of the Party.

On November 3 a definite mandate was given by the mass of the American people, looking toward improved conditions. What are the Communists proposing to do to help the people realize this mandate."

The answer, attested to by the decisions of the Central Committee, was contained in a nutshell in a statement in the report of Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Party.

"The Communist Party," he said, "sees in the overwhelming defeat of reaction in the elections a great opportunity for the forces of the People's Front to move forward for labor to achieve some of its demands, for the oppressed to win improvement in their situation. But this cannot be done if we sit and wait for someone to bring things to us on a platter. It will not happen if the masses rely upon Roosevelt. Progress can only come if we use the opportunity for organization and struggle on a broader and more determined line than ever before."

Organization and struggle—in the immediate demand of the workers for higher wages, shorter hours and better conditions. This will be expressed in the pushing forward of the great steel drive, in the victory in the maritime strike, in widespread organization in the automobile, oil, rubber and other basic industries.

Organization and struggle—in the pushing of legislative programs for the welfare of the mass of the people, in needed social and labor legislation. This can come through the immediate creation of progressive blocs in the legislatures and in Congress—with action stimulated by the organized workers and farmers in each state.

Organization and struggle—for the promotion of a great organization for peace, in which not millions but tens of millions will be represented.

Organization and struggle—in the development of the Farmer-Labor Party. This to be built logically out of the battles of the workers and farmers in the organization drives and in the coalescing of the people's forces in the legislative campaign.

Organization and struggle—in the building of a stronger Communist Party. This larger Party can be achieved speedily, out of the good will and interest evoked in the election campaign and out of the continued leading participation by the Party in these struggles ahead. It is this larger Communist Party which is the guarantee that the other things shall be done, to achieve the people's mandate.

It is the achievement of these things to which the Communist Party dedicates itself, in the immediate period ahead.

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WPA Layoffs CAN Be Halted

• Mass pressure pays. We refer again to the New York WPA layoffs. Mass pressure is having effect in halting the slashing program in the Greater City.

Yesterday Harry Hopkins, federal WPA administrator, finally said something on the matter. He advised Mayor LaGuardia that the "status quo" will be maintained. At least he promised this for the time being.

"Status quo" means that further layoffs will be halted—for the time being.

This first gain came out of one thing and that alone: the immediate sit-in strikes of the organized WPA workers. That also caused Mayor LaGuardia to act. On Sunday the Mayor spoke out quite definitely on the subject. He denied that "employment opportunities" gave any justification for the layoffs. Those who were cut off these jobs would simply have to go to home relief or starve if the cuts went through.

It is mass pressure, continued and increased, which will stop this brazen move by the Roosevelt administration to break its election pledges.

On Monday the Daily Worker contained an account of the layoff program in the South. This imperils the livelihood of thousands of workers. The administration will back down there, too—**IF THE WORKERS SHOW BY MILITANT ACTION** that they will not stand for this betrayal.

At its meeting over the week-end, the Central Committee of the Communist Party vigorously denounced the WPA layoffs and called for mass resistance to this policy. That resolution points the way. Through the Workers Alliance, the WPA workers can make this a national battle—and thus stop the layoffs.

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'Asylum' for Assassins Hits Right of Asylum

• Honest Socialist Party members can well take alarm at the decay and degeneration which the Trotskyites have brought into their party.

Marry a person with an incurable contagious disease, and you are bound in time to contract the infection. Poisonous factionalism and isolation have hit the Socialist Party like a paralytic stroke. The membership of the party has now sunk to a grand total of 8,000.

The Socialist Party leadership have made no attempt to cut out the cancer of Trotskyism. On the other hand, they proceed to foster it. In the last issue of the Socialist Call, they come out editorially for "asylum" for Leon Trotsky and for "an international working class commission to investigate the circumstances of the Moscow trials!"

These S.P. leaders, who have sabotaged aid to the bleeding Spanish democracy, "demand asylum" for this counter-revolutionary leader of assassins! The right of asylum does not include the right to harbor assassins. To take such a stand is to strike a blow at the right of asylum by distorting and corrupting it. There is no more dangerous and irresponsible proposal than this defense of assassins by the Socialist Party leadership.

Unctuously, the Socialist Call underlines the similar stand of Sir Walter Citrine, of the Second International, on this subject. Yes, this Citrine—who has shown himself the lackey of British imperialism in his cruel sabotaging of the Spanish democracy—has played the same role in "protesting" the conviction of the assassins in Moscow.

It is persons like Citrine whom the S.P. leaders would want for their "commission" to "investigate" the Moscow trials. It is high time that the Second International leaders and the S.P. leadership do something real for the bleeding workers in Spain rather than engaging in such attacks as this on the Land of Socialism.

This "commission," allegedly to "investigate" the Moscow trials, will be, in fact, one of the best international weapons of the counter-revolutionists and fascists to level further attacks on the U.S.S.R. Will Socialist Party members be content to let their leadership thus assist Hitler, Mussolini and Japan in their conspiracy against the Land of Socialism?

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To Fight the War-Makers—A People's Peace Movement

• Corridor comments at the Buenos Aires Conference regarding the U. S. Secretary of State's speech Saturday are almost as significant as this vital address.

The New York Times reporter, for example, reveals that diplomats at the Inter-American Conference to Maintain Peace, talking freely when informed their names will not be used, say they regard the Hull speech as for the attention of the fascist powers.

For example, the Times Buenos Aires correspondent writes: "Mr. Hull's speech of yesterday was intended to be heard far beyond the confines of the inter-American conference, said delegates interviewed today."

Referring to a United States delegate, the correspondent goes on to report: "He was inclined to regard the Hull speech as a direct warning to war-threatening European powers that they would find the democracies of the world lined solidly against them, if they broke the peace."

Secretary Hull's speech at Buenos Aires may be considered a contribution to the forces throughout the world striving to maintain the peace. His eight-point plank, though containing many confusing proposals, viewed as a whole and in the light of increased fascist provocation and aggression, shows a certain progress, especially towards the necessity of international cooperation to work for world peace against the latest fascist threats.

The main weakness of Mr. Hull's proposals is the one for "neutrality," though here, too, there is some improvement. For the Secretary of State follows up his proposal for "joint neutrality" in the event of war with his sixth proposal for international cooperation for peace.

A significant point of Mr. Hull's speech, is the fact that it is evidence that the United States is beginning to show signs of acting with the peace forces of the world, and is making it clear to the fascists that not only have the masses of the American people given the government a mandate for peace, but that certain officials are feeling their way towards obeying that mandate.

With a real mass People's peace movement in this country under way, the American election mandate for peace can be carried out to the benefit of the entire world.

World Front

By HARRY GANNES

• The New York Times has long been notorious for its choice of fascist agents as correspondents in fascist countries.

Arnoldo Cortesi, for example, the Times' representative in Rome, has been exposed repeatedly by nearly every book on Italy published in the United States as Mussolini's spokesman for the American newspapers.

Cortesi stands ace-high with the Fascist propaganda bureau in Rome. His news cables are indistinguishable from official fascist editorials.

Hugh Byas, Times Tokyo correspondent, never sends out a word not approved by the Japanese Navy and War office.

Because it has three or four correspondents in Nazi Germany, the Times usually gives "both sides," leaning, however, more obliquely than the Tower of Pisa to Hitler's official propaganda.

But in Spain the Times exceeded all of its bounds. William P. Carney, the former Madrid correspondent of the New York Times, has just arrived in Paris and revealed that in the guise of an "American correspondent" the Madrid government had to contend with an out-and-out fascist spy.

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Long before the fighting started this column pointed out that William P. Carney was the closest American friend of the fascist and monarchist leaders, Gil Robles and Calvo Sotello.

In writing our book, "Spain In Revolt," we had occasion to read every one of Carney's dispatches for the past five years. Without exception, he always praised the fascists and attacked the parties now in the People's Front.

We are told that Carney is a devout Catholic. But the majority of the Spanish people are Catholics. And that is no excuse to use his American passport and his position as Times correspondent as an agent for the Nazi, Italian Fascist and Moorish butchers of the Catholic people of Spain defending their legitimate, democratic government.

No one would expect us in this column to take up the entire page of lies that Carney publishes in the New York Times. We avail ourselves only of choice samples.

To a militiaman whom Carney dismisses with the epithet "illiterate," he reports himself as saying: **"An American is not likely to be a fascist."** The "illiterate" armed worker refused to believe the fascist spy. Perhaps he had heard of William Randolph Hearst.

Carney gets off this lie: "Anyone engaged in reporting the course of events is in danger of being shot summarily before he can prove his innocence."

The fact is that not a single foreign correspondent has been shot by the People's Front government. We know of six who have been executed by the fascists, including the correspondent of the French middle-class paper, "L'Intransigeant." Carney can not give a single name of a foreign correspondent shot as a spy.

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"The crisis of Madrid," writes this American fascist agent, "was ended by outside aid." He means to infer that Soviet arms and the International Anti-Fascist Legion kept General Franco from making Madrid the tomb of the defenders of democracy. But he forgets to put the original fact: There would never have been a crisis of Madrid had not Hitler, Mussolini and Franco conspired and utilized Moorish mercenary troops against the lawful government of Spain.

"It cannot be helped," writes Carney in the fully approved style of the Butcher Franco, **"that women and children and old persons have taken refuge in the basement structures, so the insurgents maintain."** And so, of course, does the New York Times correspondent maintain.

And the New York Times prints that as a scoop.

The Times correspondent blames the lawful, constitutional, elected government of Spain for the thousands of women and children slaughtered by the fascist General Franco with German and Italian planes because the government of Spain would not give up Madrid and allow 150,000 to be executed as threatened by the fascists.

When the Times tries to dish out such "news" as "all that's fit to print," it should add, "fit to print in the fascist press."

Carney has only scorn and contempt for the people of Spain fighting for democracy and against the foreign fascist invaders.

The fascist dogs he looks upon as gentlemen and aristocrats, and their foreign defenders as "Scarlet Pimpernels."

Proof of the extreme tolerance of the democratic government of Spain is the fact that Carney did all the spying he now boasts of and lives unscratched to tell about it.

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

QUESTION: Just what is involved in the present organizing campaign now being conducted by the Milk Wagon Union, Local 584, against the Borden's Milk Company? —J.A.C.

ANSWER: The story of the union drive in this big milk company reveals to what extent companies will go to smash a labor union. In 1931, a $7 weekly wage cut was met by the men with the first break away from the company union and with the formation of a social club called the "Early Birds." In 1932, 40 of the members of this club were fired for their activity, and all representation, including the company union was suspended. The 40 fired workers then formed Local 584, and within two years, all the 6,000 employes were organized into three locals—Local 584 for Brooklyn, N. Y. and L. I., Local 680 for Jersey City, and Local 338 for Westchester. By this time, the firm had restored the wage cut, granted another 50 cents a week in wages, and by the end of 1934 signed a union contract.

While the contract gave the men some gains, the company immediately started to violate the agreement. Arbitration of the violations was ignored. The company constantly derided the union. Near the end of the year the union elected a wage scale committee to negotiate with the company for higher wages and complete union conditions. The company in the meantime had gathered a group of "loyal employes" from each department to fight the union. Ballots were sent to the men's homes asking if they want a union. The ballots were turned over to the union and this move was defeated. The company then hired thousands of extra men to sit with the drivers, spy on them, and learn their territory. After three weeks, the company gave this expensive plan up, but refused to sign a contract. No strike was called, but the union urged consumers to cooperate by refusing to buy Borden's milk.

The company put up counter pickets wherever the union picketed stores selling Borden's milk. Then, the company, after first refusing to grant the demand for a $1.50 a week increase, granted the wage increase a few months later, but warned the men to keep away from the union. The insolent activity of spies in the Edgewater, N. J., plant forced a strike there which the company attempted to break through the wives of the men. This strike, started in May, is still on.

The company, trying to overcome the public's refusal to buy milk, then urged the drivers to keep their union books and buttons. The union, keeping the men on the rolls, took all books and buttons away. The company then created a company union by forced petition. The union continues to ask the public for support and asks that consumers continue to refuse to buy Borden's milk.

'OWLING AT THE MOON by Ellis

Inspired by the example of the heroic fight for WPA jobs put up by his brother artists, Fred Ellis has decided to go on the front firing line in the campaign to safeguard and build the Daily and Sunday Worker. There is no reason why America's best cartoonist should not be a money getter, particularly when the contributor sending the most money each day to Fred Ellis for the Daily Worker drive will receive the original Ellis cartoon for the day. Enough said. Rush money to Fred Ellis, c/o the Daily Worker, 35 East 12th Street, New York.

Eastman's Figures Are Pared Down; Roads Could Hire 375,000 More Men

By VERN SMITH

The 48-hour week would create 20,000 new jobs on the railroads, said Joseph B. Eastman, former Federal Coordinator of Transportation in his last formal report, for which he began to assemble facts as long ago as 1933.

Eastman proved that storekeepers, station agents, telegraphers, switchtenders, watchmen, camp cooks, waiters, janitors and others mainly in the "more than 48-hour" class actually worked an average of 58 hours a week.

Furthermore, he brought out in cold figures the fact that in the supposedly highly paid railroad industry, 155,540 on Class 1 roads alone are getting wages of 35 cents an hour or less.

NEGLECTS LIVING WAGE

In recommending for a general minimum wage of only $15 a week before the 48-hour week is introduced, Eastman pointed out truly that a mere reduction of hours for these 35-cent-an-hour men without higher wages per hour would merely starve them on the job.

But Eastman leaves out something. First of all, even a $15 a week wage isn't a living wage. Since 1932, the price of potatoes has gone up over 100 per cent, lard over 86 per cent, bacon about 75 per cent and pork chops about 65 per cent and so on. If $15 was barely a living wage in the early days of the NRA, it isn't any longer.

And he doesn't draw another conclusion, that flows inevitably from what he has said about 20,000 more jobs as a result of the general 48-hour week on the railroads.

That is, how many jobs would the 30-hour week supply?

A little calculation will show. The number of railroad workers is approximately a million. It was 1,600,000 in 1932, since then some men have been taken on because of increased traffic, and still more have been fired by reduction of staff, rationalization, which L. A. Downs, president of the Illinois Central, has just announced (speaking in Atlanta to the Bankers' Forum, Dec. 3) was the principal economy of the crisis period.

But take those actually at work now in round numbers to be a million. Suppose they really all work only 48 hours a week. Cutting the hours to 30 a week—the six-hour day and five-day week, would put 375,000 more men to work.

Can the railroads find that many men, skilled workers?

300,000 FACE FIRING

They can. Because in 1926 the working force on the roads was 1,812,804, by government figures. The railroads fired, discharged, condemned to the army of the unemployed over 800,000 workers in the six years between 1926 and 1932—not to mention those fired since then.

Furthermore, the roads mean to discharge within the next couple of years another 300,000 men through consolidations of terminal facilities. The six-hour day five day week would not much more than make room for those slated for the junk heap by consolidations.

Incidentally, it was Mr. Eastman himself who worked out in full detail this consolidation scheme, and fought to have it made compulsory through federal law and the interstate commerce commission, of which he is still, even today, a full fledged member.

Can the railroads afford to hire this many more men? They say they cannot and are shrieking that the 30-hour week would mean confiscation of their property, would be equivalent to nationalization.

But the roads as they are can hire these extra men.

HUGE RISE IN PROFITS

Net operating income of railroads in the first nine months of this year was $431,000,000. By the end of the year it will amount to about $600,000,000. During the crisis, from 1929 to 1936, net operating income of the railroads has amounted to a total of $5,010,000,000.

Nor is that all. In 1933, all railroad stocks in the country could have been bought for $2,800,000,000. Today, on the open market, those stocks are worth $6,100,000,000—a clear gain to the owners of the roads of $3,480,000,000.

This more than eight billions of dollars, in increased value of stocks and in operating income during the "depression," was made at the expense of the workers, mainly, according to President Downs. It was partly made by layoffs and wage cuts which reduced the total payroll from $2,897,000,000 a year in 1929 to $1,643,000,000 in 1936.

Why in the name of all logic shouldn't these robber barons, who by mere ownership of the railroads levy such a grinding tribute on the commerce of the country, be made to loosen up their purse strings a little and give occupation, through the 30-hour week at much higher than the present wages, to some of those 800,000 laid off railroad workers?

Letters from Our Readers

Eviction to Suit the Landlords

Owensboro, Ky.

Editor, Daily Worker:

There is a Kentucky statute that requires a period of 30 days legal grace accorded tenants whose eviction is desired by landlords. In Daviess County these landlords, or more properly, "rent profiteers," have a convenient way to regain quick possession of their properties whenever the luckless tenant fails to duck up his exorbitant rent on time for the dilapidated frame house of Civil War vintage in which he lives.

The rent profiteers do not obtain a 30-day eviction notice (this would mean the loss of a month's rent), they simply obtain one that "expires" in 3 days! This is made possible for rent profiteers with sufficient political suction through the agency of friendly county judicial officials. If a tenant employs counsel and questions the period of grace (and few do because it requires money to employ counsel) the court which issues the writ of eviction will protect itself with the statement that the cipher which should have been included after the 3 "was omitted by accident." The number of tenants who are deprived of 27 days grace by the simple omission of a cipher are many, and this racket is still being worked by corruptible officials and rent profiteers every day—an illegal burden and hardship placed on the backs of unlettered laborers and sharecroppers.

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Important Labor News

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

A drive is now well under way to organize the harbor and tugboat crews into a real union under the I.L.A. I have not noticed anything about it in the Daily Worker. It would be interesting for many of us to learn just how far the drive has progressed. It would also be a good way to introduce the Daily Worker to the workers by showing them the article. We get all the news from all over the country, so let us have some home news. This union is going to be important as it includes railroads and all.

A HARBOR WORKER.

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Chicago Times Did

Chicago, Ill.

Editor, Daily Worker:

We saw in the issue of the Daily Worker of Sat., Nov. 28th, the pictures of "Fascist Slaughter in Spain." On the front page, in the small box at the top, you give the names of 28 American newspapers which received these pictures who you claim did not print them. Among these papers is the Chicago Daily Times. We wish to inform you that the Times printed a full page of these pictures over a week ago, and titled them, "The Work of the Spanish Fascists."

We do not wish to defend any capitalist papers, least of all the Chicago Daily Times, but we call this to your attention to prevent the accusation of inaccuracy against the Daily Worker. M. P.

Lessons in Communism

Capitalism in 1836 and 1936

How the Growth of Monopolies Begets Imperialism Illustrated In Daily Worker-Workers' School Educational Feature

By Edward Smith

(Assistant Director of the Workers School)

This is an age of big business. In 1830 the first million dollar manufacturing concern was established in the textile industry in New England. This was a giant among pigmies. Today a million dollar concern is no longer a rare exception. But even million dollar concerns are now dwarfed by hundred-million and even a number of billion-dollar corporations, and these huge trusts dominate economic life today.

"There were over 300,000 non-financial (that is, non-banking, E. S.) corporations in the country in 1929. Yet 200 of these, or less than seven-hundredths of one per cent, control nearly half the corporate wealth." This striking statement is taken from Bule and Means "The Modern Corporation and Private Property." It gives you a pretty good idea of capitalism in its modern form.

Just consider again this very important fact: an insignificant number of companies, 200 out of a total of 300,000. But they are huge and powerful. The two hundred largest control among themselves nearly one half of the corporate wealth or almost as much as the remaining concerns put together. "A few tens of thousands of big enterprises are everything: millions of small ones are nothing," wrote Lenin.

If we were to make a list of these concerns, it would include among others such giant corporations as the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, United States Steel Corporation, Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, General Motors Corporation, Consolidated Gas Company of New York, and so on down the line.

Now, why do we start with these examples? Does not everyone know of the existence of these huge corporations?

Well, the point is that with the opening of the twentieth century, the old capitalism of the nineteenth century had changed. During the nineteenth century free competition between thousands of capitalists was the rule. Business, trade and commerce were more or less a free-for-all battle between many capitalists.

In any fight there are winners and losers. So in this competitive struggle there were capitalists who came out on top and there were others who lost out. Out of this vast heap of small and medium-sized capitalist concerns, a smaller number of larger and more powerful enterprises began to stand out. These acquired more power and greater control. Furthermore, many capitalist concerns combined their holdings and thus built ever larger combinations of capital. In economic terms, this process is known as concentration and centralization.

The result was that at the end of the nineteenth century and the beginning of the twentieth century, the old capitalism based on free competition had become transformed. Free competition had changed to its very opposite—monopoly. Monopolies now play the decisive role in economic life.

Here are just a few examples: In the automobile industry — General Motors sell nearly three-fourths of all motor cars. International Nickel owns more than 90 per cent of the known nickel resources of the world. In the copper industry — four companies control nearly half of the copper reserve. In the rubber industry, four corporations control the vast majority of the business. And this list could be extended to include every major industry. In the

It would be wrong to think, however, that competition had been done away with and is a thing of the past. Quite the contrary. Now competition is sharper and more intense. There is competition between and among trusts, between trustified and non-trustified industries, etc. Competitive struggle now assumes higher and sharper forms and no methods, no matter how violent and brutal, are excluded.

With the rise of monopoly a new and higher stage of capitalism has been reached. Capitalism has become imperialism. Monopoly is one of the main feautres of imperialism. "Imperialism is the monopoly stage of capitalism," wrote Lenin in one of the main features of imperialism.

(Continued On Thursday)

Hi-Lites on the Air Lanes

CLASSICAL BROADCASTS

2:00-WEAF—Dr. Muzzy's Band Lessons
WQXR (WEXR)—Operetta
3:00-WNYC—Morningside String Trio
4:00-WQXR—Classical Numbers
8:00-WQXR—Eight Classics
8:00-WQXR—Classical Selections for the Major Part of the Evening
10:00-WOR—Alfred Wallenstein's Sinfonietta—DRAMATIC SELECTIONS.

COMEDIANS AND TALES

8:30-WEAF & WABC Broadcasts from Buenos Aires
8:00-WABC—Hammerstein's Music Hall
8:30-WABC—Laugh With Ken Murray
9:00-WEAF—Sidewalk Interviews
9:45-WFAB (1300 K.C.) BIRO-BIDJAN

TALK—DANCE MUSIC

7:15-WOR—Hal Kemp's Orchestra
8:00-WEAF—Leo Reisman's Orchestra
8:30-WEAF—Wayne King's Orchestra
9:00-WABC—Fred Waring's Orchestra and Chorus
9:30-WEAF—Johnny Green's Orchestra
10:30-WABC—Mark Warnow's Orchestra
11:00-WJZ—Johnny Hamp's Orchestra

No Fink-Union Milk for Babies, Say Wives of Borden Drivers

By BETH McHENRY

Being part of the parade last Saturday made me wonder where the Borden Company got the nerve to send those letters to the wives of the milk wagon drivers asking them to company unionize their menfolks. The parade was organized by the Auxiliary of Local 584 of the Milk Wagon Drivers Union. There were 25 carloads full of the kind of women who know what company unions are for and don't like them.

I got into one of the cars which left the north side of Union Square at two o'clock. We drove up Fourth Avenue and through Park Avenue to 49th Street before turning west.

That parade with all of its cars and women gave me an idea of who is becoming trade union-minded in this country. Not only the workers, but their wives and families are out for union wages and union hours and no funny stuff from the big corporations.

Other Unions Join Parade

The Women's Auxiliary of Local 584 wasn't parading by itself by a long shot. The auxiliary of Painters Local 905 was along and so was the League of Women Shoppers and the Progressive Women's Club and the Bakers' Auxiliary and the Beauticians too. And all up and down the streets of New York people were reading the banners that said: "Don't Buy Borden's Products Because Borden's Fires Union Men." And loud above the traffic the fine voice of a woman carried the boycott message home to the people: Borden's products are not for your home because Borden's won't sign a contract with the union.

About 14 good union men have got their walking papers from Borden's already. The company doesn't say they're fired for union membership. The company is much more delicate than that. It takes a good fellow whose work has been accepted for 20 years or more and fires him for "incompetence."

The real part of the fight began a year ago when Borden's, a corporation with $237,000,000 to back its non-union policy, began to push the company union on its employes. The company talked bluntly enough to the workers, but its high point of eloquence was reserved for the wives of the milk wagon drivers. The wives got letters warning them to restrain their men from joining "outside unions." The company did worse than that, though. It circulated petitions for the men to sign at the expense of their jobs. And the petitions were for withdrawal from the bonafide union and for taking up membership in the company union. The men were asked, do you have any children and do you want them to starve?

It's funny, kind of, when you think that milk products are the kind of food that are given to children and to realize that the company which owns the milk products monopoly doesn't care whether babies live or die so long as the profits on its $237,000,000 investment keep pouring in.

It's a better kind of funny, however, to realize that the cutthroat company's profits aren't going so well these days and that mothers of families are finding union milk products as much to their liking as Borden's. Borden's profits have shrunk mighty low of late—and the women folks of the men workers have had a lot to do with it.

Drink Union Milk

The company began to get real worried a year ago when they refused to renew the contract with the union drivers. The 2,500 potential strikebreakers it put on the milk trucks as canvassers didn't do so well. Even Chowderhead Cohen and the other thugs from the big detective agencies were no worthwhile investment for Borden's. The men kept joining the real union regardless. Business for Borden's has been falling off regularly.

The drive against the Borden's non-union policy is not a strike as yet. It's a campaign to educate the public against the corporation's cutthroat policies. The union men are still not asking for the higher wages they deserve. They aren't asking for a five-day week. They're asking for union recognition, so that their own representatives may thresh out their complaints for them. They're asking for the replacement of the men who have been arbitrarily dismissed from their jobs. They're asking to be treated as responsible human beings.

And best of all, their wives are asking it too. The parade that covered six Borden's stations in Manhattan last Saturday was no fall freak show. It was the real stuff. The women are out to battle for union recognition for their menfolks and Borden's might well lend an ear.

Your Health

—By the Medical Advisory Board—

Will those readers of our column who wish medical information of any kind please refrain from coming to the office? There are no doctors there who can answer your question. Make all requests through the mails. Such cooperation will be appreciated by our already overburdened office staff.

Protecting The Finger Tips

H. D., AKRON, OHIO, writes "I've just finished reading the article in the November issue of "Health and Hygiene" on hazards in the rubber industry, and since I am a rubber worker, I appreciated it immensely. There are a few points I should like information on concerning my job as a tire-builder: The rough ply-stock used in some tires causes the ends of the fingers to wear thin and finally crack through and bleed. A mixture of one-third formaldehyde and two-thirds glycerine has been suggested as a means of toughening up the finger tips. Do you recommend this or can you recommend something else that will produce the desired results? I should also like to know whether benzene can produce serious results if it flies into the eyes occasionally. What books or periodicals can you refer me to in order that I may obtain more information on the hazards of the rubber industry?"

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To use formaldehyde in glycerine to toughen the finger tips may be dangerous since formaldehyde itself is an irritant to the skin and may, on prolonged use, cause a troublesome inflammation.

A practical method of protecting the finger tips is to cover each tip with a piece of clean water-proofed adhesive every morning. After work, this may be removed. The fingers are then cleaned with some benzene and some cold cream or oil thoroughly rubbed in. This may be a more tedious method but it is a safe one.

Benzene flying only occasionally into the eye will not produce any serious results if immediately washed out with several washings of boric acid solution. To prevent this type of irritation, why not wear plain glass goggles or eye glasses during work?

Most of the information on hazards of the rubber industry are found in medical journals and special books. These would be of little help to a non-medical reader, unfortunately. Usually state and city departments of health have leaflets giving simple information on industrial hazards. "Health and Hygiene" publishes articles on such subjects from time to time.

NO REQUIESCAT YET

"Carnival in Flanders" was almost consigned to the cinematic shades last week by the management of the Filmarte Theatre, but the public came in such numbers that it was decided to hold over the film for an indefinite run. The picture is now in its twelfth week, the longest run movie on Broadway

BOOKS *of the* DAY

By JOE FIELDS

JOSEPH STALIN'S important speech to the All-Union Congress of Soviets, now in session in Moscow to adopt the new Soviet Constitution, will be ready for distribution in pamphlet form this week, under the title "Stalin on the New Soviet Constitution," price 3 cents. In this historic pamphlet, the great leader of the world proletariat presents a masterly analysis of the progress achieved in the Soviet Union since 1934, advances which have laid the foundation for the broad proletarian democracy embodied in the new Constitution. It is a powerful weapon against fascism, and deserves the widest distribution.

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KEEP YOUR EYES peeled for the January issue of "The Communist" which is appearing in a brand-new format beginning with the first issue of 1937. Not only will the cover design be changed in line with other first-rate American magazines of this type, but the typography also will be made more clear and readable, and much more attractive. Many new features, including cartoons and drawings, will be added. Among the outstanding contributors to the January issue will be Earl Browder, Jack Stachel, David Ramsey and others.

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A NATIONWIDE DRIVE to distribute 25,000 sets of the now famous "Minimum Pamphlet Library of Ten Marxist Classics" is being launched early in December under the joint auspices of the National Educational and Literature Commissions of the Communist Party. Not only will this set of ten basic works of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin, 936 pages in all, be reduced to $1.35, but they will be boxed in an attractive case which will enable the purchaser to keep them permanently together. They will be on sale at all People's Bookshops. . . .

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THE MARX - ENGELS - LENIN Institute has prepared a two-volume edition of the selected writings of Marx and Engels, of which the first volume, "Karl Marx Selected Works," price $2.35, has just been issued by International Publishers. This is a real contribution to the body of Marxist-Leninist publications available in America. The book also includes selections from the writings of Lenin and Stalin about Marx and Engels.

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LOOMING ON THE LITERARY horizon is a book which should be welcomed by tens of thousands. While an announcement about it at this time might be considered premature, it is difficult to keep back such good news as the publication of an autobiography of the great American labor leader, William Z. Foster. Under the striking title, "From Bryan to Stalin," Foster pictures within the frame of his own life, the whole course of development of the struggles of the American working class, its victories and defeats, the development of the trade unions and the working class parties, their factional struggles and splits, outstanding personalities such as Debs, De Leon etc., and the growing unity and strength of the Communist Party from its formation to the present day.

NEWS OF STAGE AND SCREEN

Side-Splittiug Climax of 'Swing Your Lady'

Wrestling as a fine art reaches its legitimate niche in the stage in the hilarious burlesque which the Shuberts are presenting these days at the Booth Theatre.

Entr'acte Whispers

Along Broadway

The week brings two theatre openings and one revival. The new plays are "The Holmses of Baker Street," by Basil Mitchell, presented at the Masque by Elizabeth Miele tomorrow night, and "In the Bag," a farce comedy by Don Carle Gillette, presented on Saturday night by Mark Hilliard at the Belmont. Tickets for "In the Bag" are on sale at the theatre box-office.

William A. Brady has decided not to offer any other plays to the Broadway scene this year, seeing that "Matrimony Ptd." has been accorded such success, and for which show seats are now on sale for the Washington birthday performances. . . . The holiday matinees for "Dead End" will occur in the following manner: Friday, Dec. 25, Saturday, Dec. 26, Thursday, Dec. 30, and Saturday, Jan. 2, 1937. There will be no advance in prices for the holidays. . . .

The Theatre Guild has engaged Dennis Hoey for the role of Rochester in their production of "Jane Eyre," which stars Katherine Hepburn. Mr. Hoey, an Englishman, is considered the "dark horse" in the race for the role. . . . The American premiere of the Maurice Schwartz production, "Water Carrier," will take place at the 49th Street Theatre Christmas Eve., Dec. 24. . . . It is a musical spectacle by Jacob Prager. David Olshanetsky is writing a new score for the plays and Lillian Shapero is arranging the dance numbers. . . .

From the WPA offices: "Bassa Moona," the African Dance play presented by the Negro Theatre, will have its premiere at the Lafayette Theatre tonight. . . . "Jiggins of Jigginstown" will open Thursday evening at the Labor Stage Theatre, formerly known as the Princess Theatre. It is an Irish folk play wirtten by Lady Christians Longford. . . . The engagement for the "Eternal Prodigal" has been extended to this Saturday night. . . .

From the Coast

Twenty Century-Fox has the following to say: That with "Lloyds of London" surely launched, they will release "Banjo on My Knee," Shirley Temple's "Stowaway" and Sonja Henie's first picture, "One in a Million," and three films before the year is out. . . . Raymond Griffith will produce the talking version of "Seventh Heaven." . . . David Butler will direct "Saratoga Chips." Eddie Cantor's picture. . . . Warner Oland has been signed for ten more Charlie Chan pictures, in case you were worried that the series was coming to an end. . . . Michael Whalen and Claire Trevor have been teamed again for "Time Out for Romance." . . . Patsy Kelly and Jack Haley have joined the "Wake Up and Live" cast. . . . James Tinling will direct "Midnight Taxi." . . .

From Warners First National we learn that: Pat O'Brien and Humphrey Bogart will be starred together in "The Great O'Malley." . . . Three films will be released in January, "Guns of the Pecos," "Sing Me a Love Song," "Once a Doctor" "Penrod and Sam" has just about passed the cutting stage and should be ready for release in February. . . . Errol Flynn, who is in New York for a visit, has to hurry back to the coast to start work on "The Prince and the Pauper." . . .

As far as the studios of United Artists are concerned: Selznick hunters are gathering their forces and going on a looking tour for a leading lady for "Gone with the Wind." . . . Stanford students are using "The Garden of Allah" to study color technique. . . . Jim Burnett, the ex-champion wrestler of Canada, spent his first day at the Criterion studios in a free for all battle with the star, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., for the forthcoming picture, "Forever and Ever." . . .

ROOSEVELT SHOWS 'A GREATER PROMISE'

"A Greater Promise" the Soviet film about Biro-Bidjan, will run at the Roosevelt Theatre for the entire month of December. The picture tells about the first Jewish Republic in Siberia and of a man who could not accustom himself to the new way of life. Special benefits and parties can be arranged though the offices of the Roosevelt Theatre, at Houston Street and Second Avenue

Amateur Drama Group Joins Progressive Theatre Movement

Y. M. H. A. Theatrical Players Present "The Dawn," Anti-War Play Based On Paris Commune

By CHARLES E. DEXTER

A new era in the presentation of plays by the Drama Group of the Y.M.H.A. took place last weekend at the Theresa L. Kaufman Auditorium of the Y.M.C.A. Building on Lexington Avenue at 92nd Street when Emile Verhaeren's anti-war drama, "The Dawn" was presented before two large and expectant audiences.

Not only was the choice of play a decided step forward toward the alignment of the American Jewish youth with an American people's theatre, but the spirit in which "The Dawn" was offered was evidence of the sincere desire of the Drama Group to join the most advanced and progressive elements in the dramatic world. With sincere understanding and a keen sense of the values inherent in the Belgian poet's work, the Group attacked the problem of producing a difficult and frequently diffuse play. That they did not succeed entirely is not at all their fault.

"The Dawn" was written by Verhaeren 50 years ago, when the lesson of the Paris Commune was fresh in the minds of all those who had lived through the stirring hours of the French proletarian revolt. It was too soon however for the full significance of the fall of the Commune to have been made plain. Verhaeren calls Paris "Bigborough." The enemy are at the city gates, besieging the city furiously. The people revolt but are unable to end the war or to overthrow the ruling class, which Verhaeren calls "The Regency."

Purpose of Drama Group

They turn to Emile Leon, in whom they have faith. Leon compromises with the Regency, who promise safe conduct to the rebels, if they will return to their homes. Leon succeeds in ending the revolt, but the Regency does not live up to its word. He then deals with the enemy, representatives of his own liberal political faith within their ranks. The enemy soldiers, at the point of mutiny, despite the nearness of complete victory, are permitted to march into the city, where they join the masses of Bigborough in overthrowing the Regency. But a Regency spy kills Leon. Verhaeren offers Leon's child as a symbol of the new generation, in which the true revolution and freedom from oppression will come.

It is, of course, easy enogh to point out that Verhaeren overlooked the role of the working class in leading a successful revolt against war and exploitation. And from this perspective it is easy also to criticize him for having failed to point out that the seizure of power requires the creation of a new state form, Soviets and the dictatorship of the proletariat, in which the exploiters shall play no part. We hear echoes of the necessary seizure of barracks, banks, state buildings and points of communication from the lips of the proletarian Salis. But the audience did not comprehend Salis, who wavered in crisis and followed the impetuous Leon. The audience at "The Dawn" believed in Leon and were misled by him just as the people of Bigborough were misled.

Uniting With the Regency

Because "The Dawn," is not a particularly good play, it somewhat defeats the purpose of the Drama Group. These ambitious amateurs aim to create an American Jewish theatre which will discuss the socially significant problems of the day, not only on the stage but by means of symposiums and audience discussion. They wish to find subjects close to the heart of their own problems, which are the problems of the American Jew. These plays are unavailable at this moment and they have been forced to turn to dramas of general artistic merit.

Dr. Henry Infield, director of the Group, must have been aware of the weakness of "The Dawn," for he permitted one of the company to explain the play from act to act. This was a serious error. It impeded the movement of a play which in its content lacks dramatic motion. And the self-styled "Greek chorus," was not so good as an interpreter.

It the Drama Group will turn to the plays of Ernst Toller, to those of the Meyerhold Theatre repertoire or even if they improvise, as a Group, dramatic spectacles of their own, it is possible that they will extend their appeal, especially to the young members of the Y.M.H.A., many of whom were puzzled by "The Dawn," for which they were entirely unprepared.

They are to be congratulated, however, on their forthrightness, courage and unquestioned ability. Applause, too, to David Weiss, who played Emile Leon with fire and clear diction. Also for the simple and effective stage sets.

FILM ON ETHIOPIA

"Abyssinia" a Soviet Documentary screen account of the Italian invasion of Ethiopir, opens today at the Cameo Theatre. It shows the use of mustard gas by Italian aviators and the actual bombardment of the Red Cross hospital at Addis Ababa by Italian planes

The Life of the Party —by Redfield

First Unionized WPA Project

Supervisor of Theatre Mag Aids in Unionizing Workers

The first WPA project anywhere to be 100 per cent unionized is the "Federal Theatre National Publications Bureau," which publishes the Federal Theatre Magazine. Through the efforts of Pierre de Rohan, Director of the Bureau and Editor of the magazine, every single individual on the project has acquired membership in a trade union, and all are drawing the prevailing wage of their trades.

The editorial, art, production and photographic staffs are organized under the Book and Magazine Guild. The multilith (offset photolithography) pressroom crew have joined the Amalgamated Lithographers of America, A. F. of L. All other employes—stenographic, clerical, etc.,—have joined the B. S. & A. U.

Supervisor Lends a Hand

Aside from its obvious significance, the unionization of this project is remarkable for the fact that its organization was accomplished through the efforts and urgings of its supervisor. In the face of opposition from within and without, Mr. de Rohan prevailed upon his subordinates to join trade unions, then conducted a single-handed fight through government channels for their right to prevailing wages and hours.

Before joining the Federal Theatre Project, Pierre de Rohan was a well-known critic, having been employed in that capacity on the New Haven Register and the J. David Stern newspapers. He was a dramatic critic of the New York American for one season and of the Hearst syndicates for another, but could not agree with Hearst on policy and broke his 30,000-a-year contract and went to Russia to study the theatre of today. Later he was motion picture critic of the Morning Telegraph for two seasons.

We Don't Want Fascist Films

Continue Protests Against Making "The Siege of the Alcazar"

By DOROTHY GATES

Twentieth Century-Fox has not dropped "The Siege of the Alcazar" from its schedule after all. It seems that the movie company decided to let everyone else do the talking, did nothing to stop the rumor that it had been shelved, and when the furore and the protest against the picture apparently died down, 20th Century sent the New Film Alliance a letter stating that production plans for the picture were going on according to schedule.

Colonel Jason S. Joy writes to the New Film Alliance that the picture has not been shelved, and that "most certainly it is not our intention to produce a propaganda picture which will be directly or indirectly a medium for propaganda for fascism and war.

"On the contrary, it is our purpose to produce pictures which will entertain our patrons and to this end the picture to which you refer ["The Siege of the Alcazar"] will confine itself entirely to a personal story of individuals. We feel sure that when you see it, you will be perfectly satisfied and will be one of the first to tell us so."

A Most Ingenious Paradox

That sounds perfectly okay, but apparently Colonel Joy's left hand doesn't know what his right hand signs. For a letter under the 20th Century letterhead, and bearing the Colonel's own signature, states that "the Siege will not glorify 'any dog fight between isms' yet it will be produced definitely as a stand against Communism, since a battle is being waged all over the world against Communism."

No picture which "takes a stand against Communism" can possibly help but be a "medium for fascism and war." The good Colonel must know that he is being paradoxical. Any picture which attacks Communism or Communists calls for bravos from reaction and increases the prestige of reaction. Today reaction is embodied in the Fascism of Hitler, Mussolini and Franco.

The New Film Alliance is continuing and will increase its protests against the picture. The Daily Worker will continue to publicize the fact that 20th Century-Fox is producing a fascist picture. And every worker in the country, who is on the side of freedom and progress, on the side of the People's Front of Spain which is battling so heroically against Fascist Franco and Nazi Hitler, must continue to protest to the movie company against the film.

But Don't Forget Us

And sending letters and things reminds us that last week we asked the readers of this column to send us letters, and to enclose some money.

Send your letter to 20th Century today.

Send your money to the campaign fund, for the movie and theatre departments tomorrow.

Or if you've got time, and don't like to put off for tomorrow what you can do today, do it now.

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A REAL BATTLER BEATS BRUNDAGE

By Ted Benson

Avery Brundage and all the things he has stood for in athletics were summarily rejected the other day by the vote of the A.A.U. which repudiated him flatly with the election of former Justice Jeremiah T. Mahoney as president.

Mahoney, a fighting Irishman if there ever was one, will always have a soft spot in our hearts because of the battle he put up to keep America out of the Nazi Olympics.

Long before the games took place, Mahoney saw that the Nazis were going to use the games for publicity purposes only and that the talk of sportsmanship sponsored by Avery and his Nazi-fed henchmen was a lot of what the boys delicately call hooey.

Brundage's treatment of the star of his woman's swimming team, Mrs. Eleanor Holm Jarrett, and his obvious anti-Semitic, anti-Negro bias didn't help his forces any in this election.

Brundage, like all bullies, wouldn't stay to face the music. At his return from Berlin he announced that he would retire from the presidency and he allowed Major Patrick J. Walsh, another New Yorker, to take the rap which was meant for him.

JUDGE MAHONEY

Election Shows Liberal Trend

The election of Judge Mahoney has far-reaching implications. It means that sports are being liberalized.

Now this was not caused by a revulsion of feeling on the part of the men who rule amateur athletics in this country.

The revulsion in feeling is based on the fact that the American people have expressed in no uncertain terms that they will not continue to tolerate pro-fascist cuarism in athletics.

Too many of our college athletes have learned through the activities of the American Students Union and through anti-war demonstrations, that they are being used.

They object, and strenuously, to being made pawns in the advancement of fascist propaganda.

As one of the athletes said to me recently:

"I will never take part in any program of athletics the profits of which will be used to hammer down my own kind of people."

Those Redskins Are Swell

Those Boston Redskins play football. What they did to the Giants in the rain and mud on Saturday compares very favorably with a large and juicy massacre.

The 14-0 score doesn't tell the story by a long shot. You would have had to be one of 17,000 who sat in the rain to really appreciate the kind of a game it was.

The Giants, badly beaten, were good enough that day to take any college football team that ever wore cleats and spot 'em 36 points and beat them.

The Redskins were so much better than the Giants that the score doesn't begin to tell the story. Now you can imagine how classy those Boston boys were.

They can do more things with a football than Houdini could do with handcuffs, and do them just as smoothly.

I haven't seen the Green Bay Packers but if they beat the Redskins next week, they are the top football team of all time.

It's Coming In

The dough is starting to come in as it should. The Benson votes for today total 1,149. These votes were accompanied by an equal number of pennies.

Total for Benson so far is 1,610.

Thanks people!

Fifteen Teams Ready to Swap As Big Meeting Opens Today

Officials of every major league club except the world champion New York Yankees will engage in the heaviest player trading in several years when they gather at the annual winter meeting today, Wednesday and Thursday, it was indicated.

Each club except the Yankees has one or more deals on the fire. A brief survey of the situation with each club follows:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yankees—Will stand pat.

Tigers—Covet a shortstop and right-handed hitting outfielder. Outfielder Goose Goslin and Pete Fox both on the trading block. Billy Rogell likely to be used as bait in a deal for a new shortstop.

White Sox—Need another catcher, a third baseman and pitcher. Pitcher John Whitehead likely to go to Tigers.

INDIANS WANT PLENTY

Indians—Want a third baseman and catcher. Deal on with the Browns for Catcher Rollie Hemsley. Also trying to land Third Baseman Pinky Higgins in a 3-cornered trade with the Athletics and Red Sox.

Senators—Seek a catcher, pitcher and another outfielder. Catcher Bolton, and Outfielders Sington, Hill and Reynolds on the block. Also willing to peddle Pitcher Earl Whitehill.

Red Sox—Need outfielders and pitchers. May trade Third Baseman Bill Werber to the Athletics for Higgins, and then send the latter to the Indians for Outfielder Joe Vosmik. Considering fancy offer from Cleveland for Catcher Rick Ferrell.

Browns — In for a complete shakeup, with Manager Rogers Hornsby willing to trade any player on club. May use Shortstop Lary in deal with Tigers or Indians. Outfielder Julian Solters and Catcher Hensley both likely to go elsewhere.

Athletics—Seek pitcher. Likely to use Higgins in a deal with Red Sox for Werber.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Giants — After a third baseman, catcher and another outfielder. Almost certain to dispose of Outfielder Hank Leiber.

Cardinals — Want more pitching strength. Dizzy Dean still on block but exorbitant demands have temporarily cooled after all deals for him. If Dean goes almost certain that deal will be made for Van Mungo.

Cubs—Need right-handed hitting outfielder. Still attempting to get Leiber from Giants without giving up Third Baseman Hack.

PIRATES AFTER DIZZY

Pirates—Seek pitchers. Willing to part with Outfielders Woody Jensen and Dan Hafey, and Catcher Tom Padden. No. 1 candidate to get Dizzy Dean if he's traded.

Reds—After outfielder and pitchers. Dickering for Wally Berger of Bees and Leiber.

Bees — Need pitchers, extra infielder and outfielder. May trade Berger.

Dodgers — Need catcher and pitchers. Willing to trade anyone, even Van Mungo if right players can be landed.

Phillies—After everything. Have couple of pitchers and an outfielder they make use as trading material. Pitchers Joe Bowman and Orville Jorgens sought by several clubs.

Escobar Meets Jeffra At Hipp Tomorrow

Although the fight Wednesday night at the Hippodrome is a non-title over-the-weight match, Sixto Escobar will be gunning for Harry Jeffra with every pound of his piston-like arms.

It wasn't so long ago that Escobar traveled down to Baltimore to pick up some easy change and took an unlooked for trimming from the hustling, hard-hitting home town boy. That fight has been one the sore spots with the Puerto Rican champion and he'll be doing his best to make the first invasion of Jeffra just as disillusioning as he can.

Jeffra has made the experts say a lot of nice things about him and has shown plenty of stuff in training. If he can duplicate his win over Escobar the Baltimore battler will then be in line for a batch of juicy bouts.

Guldahl Rallies, Cops Golf Title and $2,500

CORAL GABLES, Fla., Dec. 7 (UP).—Ralph Guldahl, St. Louis' par breaking golf player, today overcame a two stroke penalty on his final round to win the $10,000 Miami Biltmore open with an aggregate of 283 for 72 holes.

Guldahl carded a 76 today, using 41 strokes on his morning nine including the two stroke penalty assessed against him by the rules committee for "parting the grass in a hazard when not attempting to identify his ball" on the seventh hole. But the St. Louisan gave a great exhibition of courage when he came home in 35, one under par, to hold a two stroke lead over Horton Smith of Chicago, second prize winner with an aggregate of 285 after his even par 71 today.

Guldahl's share of the prize money was $2,500 and Smith's $1,250.

SPORTS

DAILY WORKER

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Says Doc:

When Wild Winds Blow
And Winter's Near
Baseball Trades
Are What You Hear

Met League Off To Auspicious Start on Court

Union Quintets Flash Brilliant Brand of Ball

The Metropolitan Labor Athletic League opened its regular season schedule Saturday at the Seward Park High School gymnasium before a large and enthusiastic crowd.

In the first game played between two locals of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, Local 158 edged out Local 54, 16-15. Local 54, a strong, fast, shifty outfit gave as thrilling a court game as has been seen in trade union athletic circles this season, but couldn't keep up the pace until the final whistle. Local 158 is generally recognized as one of the strongest in the league and they proved it by giving a great exhibition of ball handling and shooting. The game see-sawed with each quintet taking care of the lead for a few moments and then relinquishing it. The score has left a great many fans calling hotly for a return contest and the rivalry between these two locals promises to be as keen as that between the Furriers and the Teachers.

TEACHERS ON TOP

The latter five showed its mettle by trimming a hustling Young Circle combination 22-10 in the second game of the evening. The Teachers came through as the favorites and re-established themselves as the leading quintet in the league. Led by Pressmen, Serachek and Siegel, the schoolroom mentors had the ball in play constantly and their smooth floor game kept the Circle five at bay throughout.

A new team in the Metropolitan Labor Athletic League will show its stuff this Saturday when the American Labor Party of Sixth Assembly District in New York sends its squad against Local 158 of the A.C.W.A. The other game will find the two arch-rivals of the league pitted against each other, the Furriers against the Teachers.

In their previous battle before the league officially got under way, the much favored Teachers lost out to the Furriers in the last two seconds. Since then the fans have been clamoring loud and often for the return match. This Saturday should find Seward High packed to the rafters as the Teachers try to redeem themselves and the Furriers attempt to duplicate their first win.

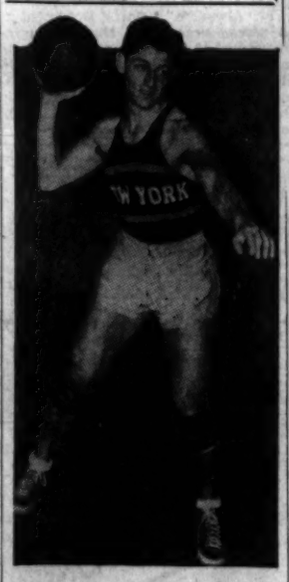
Jaspers Get Going

The Manhattan basketball team opens its collegiate schedule tonight against Seton Hall, a fairly easy victim. The Jaspers, with an all veteran team, led by sharp shooting Tom McGuirk, have designs on the city crown this year. Ryan, Volpe, Kenny and McNally will complete the starting lineup for the wearers of the Green.

Hurrah!

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (UP).—Winston F. Guest, America's foremost polo player, today was declared to be an American by District Supreme Court Justice Jennings Bailey!

LITTLE, BUT—



Milty Schulman, Great little veteran of the N.Y.U. Basketball Team

Two Games for the Price of One

Table Tennis for Spain

By Joseph Smith

Table Tennis takes the place of Soccer as the next sport attraction to be offered in the Daily Worker "Game for Spain" campaign.

The Social Dance Group came forward with the novel idea of staging an All-Star Table Tennis exhibition at its headquarters, 94 Fifth Ave., December 16th, for the heroic defenders of Spanish democracy.

Officials of the dance group feel that the event planned will prove successful and a sizeable amount of cash will be raised for the brave Spanish workers.

NONE BUT THE BEST

The plan is to have leading stars of this popular indoor sport give an exhibition of their speed and skill on that evening. This should be quite an attraction, as these wizards of the little celluloid ball are all well known and have played before large crowds in New York's leading hotels where an admission of $1 was charged. Even a swanky New York night club is presently cashing in on the immense popularity of this game, by presenting Table Tennis exhibitions nightly as part of their regular floor shows.

At this "Game For Spain," sport-lovers will have a splendid chance to see a greater number of stars in action than at any other time, without having to pay any stiff admission prices or cover charges.

Among the stars who have so far accepted the invitation, are Thor Sanger, spectacular Nassau County champion and Douglas Cartland, North Carolina titleholder and seeded No. 3 in New York. Cartland recently met Louis Pagliaro, sixth ranking metropolitan player and defeated him after a rousing game.

Permission to participate has been granted to these players by the Metropolitan Table Tennis League, which has sanctioned the tournament. Cooperating with the committee, is Bernhard Joel of the Broadway Table Tennis Courts at 1721 Broadway, who has promised to round up many prominent players.

So there you are—fans. Something new to entertain you, and we hope you will be there to enjoy it.

Here's your chance to do your bit for your Spanish brothers, who are daily risking their lives to defeat fascism. Show your solidarity to these brave men and women by attending this Daily Worker "Game For Spain."

Six Day Winners After More Gravy

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (UP).—Jimmy Walthour and Al Crossley, first American winners of a six-day bicycle race since 1927, depart on the Normandie Wednesday for Antwerp where they will compete in a team race.

Walthour and Crossley combined to nose out "Torchy" Peden and Bobby Thomas, Canadian-American team, in the thrilling last hour of sprinting Saturday night to become the first U. S. winners since Spencer and Charley Winter won the New York grind nine years ago.

Total attendance of 130,000 was "at least" 25 per cent over the last six-day contest held in Madison Square Garden, promoter John M. Chapman said.

Progressives Get AAU Endorsement

A new and heartening turn took place for American athletics when the delegates convened at Houston, Texas, for the annual A.A.U. convention, had their resentment against the reactionary regime crystallized with the election of Jeremiah T. Mahoney, of New York as president of the A. A. U.

With Brundage out, Mahoney and the liberals in the A.A.U. will embark on a policy of democratic control and progressive action for American sports. One of his first moves as president was to name as a delegate-at-large for the 1937 meeting, Commodore Ernest Lee Jahncke, of New Orleans, who was dropped from the International Olympics Committee for holding out against the Nazi Olympics.

Flying Rangers After Hawks

Those fast-moving Rangers carry the puck into the defense of the tail-end Chicago Black Hawks at the Garden tonight. A victory and two more sweet points is indicated for the Patrickmen over the forlorn and wing-clipped Hawks.

Messrs. Colville, Colville and Shibicky, just about as neat a first-year line as ever took to the Garden ice, are ready to continue their merciless bombardment of visiting goalies. The boys did it against the same team in Chicago Sunday night and see no reason why it can't be done again at home.

Detroit and Boston battle at the citadel of beans, culture and banned books for the runner-up position to the aforementioned Rangers. The lads from open shoptown are hampered by injuries to key men, and are apt to drop one to the bruising Bostonians.

Those confounding young men of Manhattan, the Amerks, take a rest, and an obviously deserved one. People have been waiting for them to fold up after their fast start, and point to the form sheets for corroboration. But maybe the Amerks can't read, for there they are on top, and the race is getting along. Credit defense men are Art Shields and Red Murray for the boys' standing, and toss a profound bow in the direction of Schriner, Carr and Chapman, now about as sweet a line as you'd care to see.—L. R.

National Hockey League Standings

AMERICAN DIVISION

Club	W.	L.	T.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts
N. Y. Rangers	6	4	1	27	19	13
Detroit	4	3	3	21	17	11
Boston	4	3	2	18	22	10
Chicago	1	5	4	10	19	6

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

Club	W.	L.	T.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts
N. Y. Americans	5	3	3	24	20	13
Canadiens	6	4	1	25	25	13
Toronto	4	6	1	27	30	9
Maroons	3	5	3	23	23	9

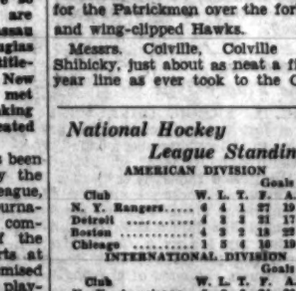
SUNDAY'S RESULTS

N. Y. Americans, 3; Detroit, 3 (overtime).

N. Y. Rangers, 2; Chicago, 1.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

Chicago at New York Rangers.
Detroit at Boston.



Hank Lieber, hard hitting but lethargic outfielder of the New York Giants, has been traded in a secret deal. Details on Wednesday.

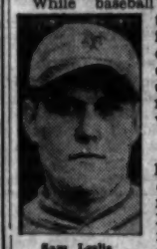
Ruth to Manage Minor Ball Club

Dizzy Dean Sure to Be Traded—Giants Make a Secret Deal—Hubbell Not Among Traded Players

Negotiations that would make Babe Ruth manager of an International League club were "red hot" tonight on the eve of the annual major league meetings.

At the same time Branch Rickey of the St. Louis Cardinals was negotiating a possible deal that would send Pitcher Dizzy Dean to Pittsburgh. Rickey visited President William Benswanger of the Pirates and discussed the Dean transaction.

While baseball men thronged three hotels, trying to cook up deals, Judge Landis declined to deny or confirm rumors that he would resign.



Sam Leslie

GIANTS SWAP

Out of the hotel huddles came news of the first definite deal when Manager Bill Terry of the Giants admitted that he had made a deal with another which will be announced Wednesday. Terry denied the deal would send Outfielder Hank Leiber and utility First Baseman Sam Leslie plus $25,000 in cash to the Phillies in exchange for First Baseman Dolph Camilli and Infielder Lou Chiozza. The deal, however, probably is with President Jerry Nugent and Manager Jimmy Wilson of the Phillies, who will arrive tomorrow.

The Babe Ruth and Dizzy Dean developments stood out as the most important of the day, involving two of the biggest names in baseball. Several days ago, Joe Cambria, owner of the Albany International League club, offered Ruth the managership of the Albany club and the negotiations became "red hot" today. They will be continued tomorrow or Wednesday and there is a good chance that the Bambino may return to baseball.

It seemed almost certain tonight that Diz Dean will not be hurling for the Cards next season. It was learned that Rickey, in addition to negotiating with Pittsburgh for Dizzy's disposal, also is negotiating with the Giants—and that these Giant dickerings include no mention of sending Pitcher Carl Hubbell to St. Louis.

At tomorrow's separate League meetings, amendments to the major-minor agreement—which were passed at the minor meetings last week in Montreal—will be voted on. In addition, discussions of broadcasting games will be the most important matter on the agenda of the National Circuit meeting. Both leagues will discuss the proposal to make the uniform baseball less lively—by providing heavier covers and possibly raising the seams.

YCL FIVE WANTS ACTION

Watch the Yorkville skies for a crack basketball team. The Comets, composed of members of the Yorkville Branch of the Y.C.L., expect to turn out the snappiest Y.C.L. team in the city. Playing manager Richie Adami says, "We're ready for challenges. How about it? We can arrange for the proceeds to go to the aid of Spain."

That's the spirit, boys! The line-up, including some of the fastest players in Yorkville, has J. Boland, D. Peacock, E. Parent, A. Santa Cruz, S. Bilka, B. Gough, J. Cell, J. Sheridan, J. Ross, J. Rizzi and Hal Storm.

Send your challenges to the Daily Worker Sports Department.

Pro Play-Off In New York

Boston and Packers to Clash at Polo Grounds

The Boston Redskins and Green Bay Packers will play Sunday in New York for the championship of the National Professional Football League, it was decided today at a meeting of league officials.

Joe F. Carr, president of the league, said the decision to hold the game in New York was due to the fact that the only reward the players get for participating in a championship game is a percentage of the gate receipts. And he said the teams were certain the game would draw a much larger crowd in New York than in Boston.

Another factor which entered into the decision was the floodlights at the Polo Grounds. Sunday, when the Redskins won the eastern title with a 14-0 victory over the New York Giants, it became so dark in the final period that the lights were turned on.

The Bostonians hit the peak of their form as they dusted off the Giants, eastern title team ever since the playoffs began in 1933. It was a savagely played game which sent three men to the hospital

FINAL STANDINGS:

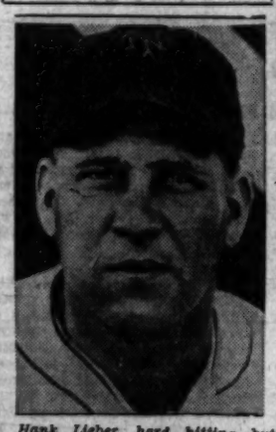
WESTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp. Pts.
Greenbay	10	1	1	.909	248	118
Chicago Bears	9	3	0	.750	227	94
Detroit	3	4	0	.667	235	102
Chicago Cards	3	8	1	.273	74	153

EASTERN DIVISION

Boston	7	5	0	.583	149	110
Pittsburgh	6	6	0	.500	98	187
New York	5	6	1	.455	119	163
Brooklyn	3	8	1	.273	92	161

BYE, BYE HANK



Ring Notes

Irish Tommy Bland, welterweight champion of Canada who is now campaigning here for a shot at World's Ruler Barney Ross, risks his high standing against Mickey Serrian, hard-hitting coal miner of Scranton, Pa., who has beaten Izzy Janazzo, Phil Furr, Eddie Cool and Irish Eddie Brink among others, in the featured fistic attraction of eight rounds tonight night at Broadway Arena.

Bland, too, can boast of a fine ring record. For he has whipped Werther Arcelli, Eddie Carroll, Sammy Mandell and Ronnie Headley. Carroll is the bangster who stopped Chuck Woods, conqueror of Tony Canzoneri.

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The smashing knockout victory scored by Lorenzo Pack, Negro slugger from Detroit, over Jack Van Noy, Texas giant, at the Rockland Palace Saturday night, throws him into the limelight.

Look for some big things from Lorenzo, who can hit like a bolt of lightning, and move around on his toes like a featherweight.

Today's Events

BOXING

Broadway Arena—Mickey Serrian vs. Sonny Bland, eight rounds; Silvio Zangrillo vs. Eldert Davenport, Joe La Fauci vs. Babe Symbit, six rounds each; Harry Baron vs. Zeky Mazur, Babe Silvers vs. Al Bernard, Andy Miriello vs. Al Glazio, Jimmy Cutrone vs. Johnny Schneider, Larry Anzalone vs. Frank Herlihy, four rounds each.

New York Coliseum—Lew Massey vs. Maxie Berger, eight rounds; Bob Red Dale vs. Johnny Pavlovich, Johnny Barr vs. Skippy Allen, Paul DeBello vs. Al Gillette, six rounds each; Frankie Hayes vs. Joe Serrarra, Benny Fiarza vs. Johnny Fernandez, four rounds each.

WRESTLING

St. Nicholas Palace—Hank Barber vs. Hans Kampfer, to a finish; Sammy Menacher vs. Ed Cook, Henry Piers vs. Mairos Kirilenko, Lord Albert Mills vs. Andy Meixner, Sandor Vary vs. Jim Wallis, Ralph Garibaldi vs. Jack Hader, time limit.

BASKETBALL

Colleges: Seton Hall at Manhattan College.

Schools: Stuyvesant vs. Haaren; Textile vs. Commerce; Seward Park vs. Franklin; Washington vs. James Monroe; Morris vs. DeWitt Clinton; Roosevelt vs. Evander Childs; Hamilton vs. Lane; Brooklyn Tech vs. Bushwick; Jefferson vs. Boys; Tilden vs. New Utrecht; Manual Training vs. Lincoln; Erasmus Hall vs. Madison.

HOCKEY

Chicago at New York Rangers.

LITTLE LEFTY